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PREFACE

In early 1965, the Office of Manpower Policy, Evaluation and Research (now the Office of Policy, Evaluation and Research of the Manpower Administration) of the U. S. Department of Labor contracted with the Center for Human Resource Research of The Ohio State University for a 5-year longitudinal study of the labor market experience of four groups of the United States population: men 45-59 years of age, women 30-44, and young men and women 14-24. These four groups were selected for study because each faces special labor market problems that challenge policy makers. For the young men and women, the problems revolve around the process of occupational choice and include both the preparation for work and the frequently difficult period of accommodation to the labor market when formal schooling has been completed. The special problems of the older men are reflected in the longer-than-average duration of their unemployment, when it occurs, and in the continuous decline in their annual income after they pass their mid-forties. For the older of the two groups of women, the special problems are associated with re-entry into the labor force by married women whose children no longer require their continuous presence at home.

Although the different problems of these groups to some extent dictate separate research orientations, the four studies nevertheless share the same general conceptual framework and set of objectives. Each of the four views the experience and behavior of individuals in the labor market as resulting from an interaction between their own characteristics--demographic, economic, social, and attitudinal--and the characteristics of the environment. Each study seeks to identify those characteristics that appear to be most important in explaining variations in several important facets of labor market experience: labor force participation, unemployment experience, and various types of labor mobility. From one point of view, the general objective of all of the studies might be defined as follows: to uncover the complex of economic, social, and psychological factors that are associated with successful adaptation by individuals to the labor market. Knowledge of this kind may be expected to make an important contribution to our understanding of the way in which labor markets operate and thus to be useful for the development and implementation of appropriate labor market policies.

Each group is being surveyed at annual intervals, for a total of five surveys in the 5-year period. The first surveys, for the two groups, began in 1966. The Bureau of the Census, under a separate contract with the U. S. Department of Labor, is responsible for the survey operations and data processing. The Center for Human Resource Research analyzes the data and prepares reports on the surveys.

The present volume reports the results of the initial survey of the men aged 14 to 24. Similar reports either have been prepared or are being prepared for each of the other groups. There will also be reports on the follow-up surveys and a final report covering the 5-year span for each of the age-sex groups. Last, there will be at least one major volume integrating the results of all of the studies. At the conclusion of the project, the published reports will provide the most detailed and comprehensive set of work history and attitudinal data ever accumulated for national samples of individuals.

Such a significant body of knowledge will afford almost unlimited opportunities for analysis. The analysis undertaken by the staff of the Center for Human Resource Research is directed to purposes specified by the Department of Labor: to expand the understanding of labor markets as a tool for improving private and public manpower policies. Recognition of the value of the data for other uses has prompted the Department's decision to publish the reports as they are received.

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INTRODUCTION

This report examines the relationships between selected demographic, attitudinal, and educational characteristics of male youth in the United States and their labor market experience and occupational aspirations. The data are drawn from interviews conducted during October-December, 1966, with a national sample of the noninstitutional civilian population of males 14 to 24 years of age.¹ This was the first of six annual interviews that are planned with the same sample to provide the basis for an extensive longitudinal analysis of the labor market experience, plans, and achievements of this age cohort over a five-year period. The present report examines the labor force participation, unemployment experience, employment patterns, labor market knowledge, job attitudes, and educational and occupational aspirations of the age cohort as of the time of the initial survey in 1966, and seeks explanations for variations in these factors on the basis of a large number of economic, social, and psychological variables. Future reports will examine and account for the changes that occur over the five years of the study.

The aim of the total study is to contribute to a better understanding of the process of occupational choice and of accommodation by youth to the labor market. By identifying the sources of the labor market problems that many youth encounter, it is hoped that remedial policy measures will be suggested. It is acknowledged generally that youth do face especially severe labor market problems in the United States. They consistently comprise a disproportionately large share of the unemployed. In 1966, for example, despite the fact that the nation's overall unemployment rate dipped to a 13-year low of 3.8 percent, the rate for males 16-19

* This chapter has been adapted from the introductory chapter of the initial report on the longitudinal study of males 15-59, and portions of the text are identical. See Herbert S. Parnes, Bolton M. Fleisher, Robert C. Miljus, Ruth S. Spitz, and Associates, The Pre-Retirement Years: Longitudinal Study of the Labor Market Experience of the Cohort of Men 15-59 Years of Age, Vol. I (Columbus: The Ohio State University Center for Human Resource Research, 1968).

1. The age criterion for inclusion in the sample was an attained age of 14 to 24 as of April, 1966.

years of age was three times as great. The problem is particularly serious for black youth.² On the average, one-fifth of the blacks 16-19 years of age, compared with one-tenth of the whites, were looking for work in 1966. Unemployment, of course, is not the only labor market problem faced by youth. Being trapped in "blind alley" jobs with low earnings may be as psychologically damaging as lack of any work.

Many of the factors associated with the labor market difficulties of the young are well documented: inadequate education, lack of skill and work experience, unawareness of available training and job opportunities, and discrimination in the case of some minority groups. What is not known, however, is the interaction among economic, sociological, and psychological characteristics that permits some members of a given socioeconomic group to make good job choices and to adjust satisfactorily to labor market conditions while others do not. For example, not all poorly educated black youth are unemployed, nor do all sons of low-income families gravitate toward less skilled jobs. An understanding of the factors that influence degree of "success" in the labor market and of the interrelationships among them is a prerequisite to the development of policy measures designed to mitigate the labor market problems of youth. It is the broad purpose of our longitudinal study to contribute to such an understanding.

I RESEARCH DESIGN

Data presented in this report were obtained through personal interviews with a national probability sample of the civilian noninstitutional population of males who, in April, 1966, were 14 to 24 years of age. The sample was drawn by the Bureau of the Census from households in the 235 areas that constituted the primary sampling units (PSU's) in the experimental Monthly Labor Survey (MLS) conducted by the Census Bureau

2 At the expense of some accuracy, we are using the term "black" throughout this report instead of the more conventional "nonwhite," because we feel that the latter term is both awkward and invidious. In official data on the United States labor force, "nonwhites" include such groups as Indians, Chinese, and Japanese as well as Negroes. However, since Negroes constitute over 90 percent of the total "nonwhite" category, their characteristics are, by and large, the characteristics of the total, and it is generally understood that data on "nonwhites" are descriptive of Negroes, but not, for example, of Chinese-Americans. Our data are classified into the two color groups in the same way as the official data, but the interpretations that would in any case be drawn are made more explicit by referring in tables, as well as in the text, to all those who are not Caucasian as "black."

for the Bureau of Labor Statistics between early 1964 and late 1966.³ In order to provide statistically reliable estimates for black youth and to permit a more confident analysis of differences in labor market experience and occupational aspirations between blacks and whites, the former were over-represented in the sample by a three-to-one ratio. The sample consists of 5,225 individuals, of whom 3,734 are white. Sample cases are weighted to reflect the different sampling ratios for whites and blacks and to adjust the sample observations to independent estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population for November, 1966, by color and by the five age groups included in the study. As a result, absolute figures and percentages presented in the tables of this report relate to the total civilian noninstitutional population of males 14-24 years of age.⁴

As in any survey based upon a sample, the data are subject to sampling error; that is, variation attributable solely to the fact that the data emerge from a sample rather than from a complete count of the universe being examined. Since the probability of a given individual's appearing in the sample is known, it is possible to estimate approximate sampling error. Tables showing sampling errors, together with instruction for their use, appear in Appendix C.

The tables in this report have a number of characteristics that deserve some comment at this point. In a study of this kind, interest generally focuses on relative magnitudes, rather than absolute, e.g., the proportions of white youth and of black youth who have a given characteristic, rather than their numbers. Accordingly, data in virtually all tables are presented in terms of percentages. In all cases, however, the base of each percentage is shown so that its statistical reliability can be estimated. A reader, therefore, readily can estimate an absolute magnitude by multiplying the relevant percentage by its base.

In calculating percentage distributions, cases for which no information was obtained are excluded from the total. This amounts to assuming that those who did not respond to a particular question do not differ in

3 The Monthly Labor Survey (MLS) was designed to test a number of changes in the interview schedule for the Current Population Survey (CPS) that had been proposed as a means of refining and improving current measures of the labor force, employment and unemployment. After two and a half years of experimentation and pretesting, the CPS schedule was amended in January, 1967, and the two samples were merged, enlarging the CPS sample to 52,500 households in 449 areas. The changes were relatively minor leaving the basic labor force concepts largely undisturbed. (See U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Earnings and Monthly Report of the Labor Force, Vol. 13, No. 8, February, 1967, pp. 4-5)

4 For a more detailed description of the sampling procedure, see Appendix B.

any relevant respect from those who did--a reasonably safe assumption for most variables, especially when the number of no responses is small.⁵ All percentage distributions, therefore, should add up to 100 percent; when they do not, it is because of rounding. It should be observed, however, that when absolute numbers do not add up to the indicated total, the difference is attributable (unless otherwise noted) to cases for which no information was obtained, as well as to rounding.

Except for unemployment rates, percentages in all tables have been rounded to the nearest whole percentage point. To record them to the nearest tenth would clutter up the tables unnecessarily and create the impression of a degree of accuracy that does not in fact exist. To be statistically significant, differences in percentages in this study generally have to be at least several percentage points; thus, there is not much purpose in expressing percentages to the nearest tenth of a point. We have excepted unemployment rates from this general rule since they usually are low while the base is quite large resulting in very small standard errors; hence very small differences may be significant.

With rare exceptions, our tables involve at least three-way cross-classifications in which color is almost always one of the variables. Our purpose generally is to ascertain how an independent variable interacts with color to "explain" some aspect of labor market behavior. For example, are educational attainment and unemployment experience related in the same way for black youth as for white youth? Since we are much more interested in this type of question than in the relation between two variables for the total population irrespective of color, most of our tables omit the totals for blacks and whites combined. It might be mentioned that, because of the overwhelming numerical importance of the whites, the distribution of the total population by any variable resembles very closely the distribution of the whites. Only in Chapter II, where we describe certain basic demographic, social, and economic characteristics of the entire age cohort, are totals presented for the two color groups combined.

Percentages are shown in all table cells no matter how small the base (and, thus, no matter how statistically unreliable the percentage may be). As a result, there are instances in which the data appear to show a relationship which almost certainly is not real. In our interpretations, of course, we are mindful of sampling error and, as a rough rule of thumb, we are inclined not to say anything about percentages based upon fewer than 50 sample cases, because sampling error in such cases may be very high. For example, the standard error of a percentage

5 In Appendix D, we present, for each major variable in the study, the total number of persons in the relevant universe and the number and proportion of persons for whom no information was obtained. Nonresponse rates exceed 10 percent in only very few variables.

in the neighborhood of 50 is about 10 percentage points when the base is 50 sample cases; for percentages near 5 or 95, the standard error is about 4 percentage points. The reader who wishes to observe the same cautions in interpreting the tables should keep in mind that the "blown up" population figure corresponding to 50 sample cases is approximately 188 thousand for whites and about 68 thousand for blacks.

As has been indicated, the survey on which the present report is based is the initial stage of a longitudinal study covering a five-year period. Five additional surveys of the same sample of men will be conducted in the autumn of each year through 1971. In these subsequent surveys, the first two of which already have been conducted, detailed information on educational status, current labor force and employment status, labor market experience, and income during the preceding 12 months will be obtained. Thus, at the end of the five years, a complete educational and work history for the period will have been accumulated, along with a record of changes in such other variables as health, marital status, number of dependents, job attitudes, and job aspirations, which are hypothesized to influence educational and labor market decisions.

A longitudinal population study has two essential characteristics. First, it involves measurement or description of one or more characteristics of the same group of individuals at two or more points in time.⁶ Second, it involves analysis of relationships among the characteristics of these individuals at different times or of changes in one or more of their characteristics over time.

It should be noted that whether a study is longitudinal is independent of whether data are collected periodically. Making an annual survey of a group of individuals does not assure, in itself, a longitudinal study; nor is such a study precluded by the fact that only a single survey is conducted. If work experience data are collected annually from a sample of individuals over a five-year period solely for the purpose of ascertaining the total amount of unemployment or the total number of job changes experienced during the period by the respondents, the study is clearly not longitudinal in terms of the definition offered above. On the other hand, if a single survey collects five-year work histories and, if analysis of the data includes comparisons between the labor force status of the respondents in year n and their employment status in subsequent years, or between unemployment experience in year n and

6 Dankward Kodlin and Donovan J. Thompson, An Appraisal of the Longitudinal Approach to Studies of Growth and Development (monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development, Inc., Vol. XXIII, No. 1, 1958), pp. 8, 25.

job mobility in year $n-1$, the study is longitudinal even though it does not involve repeated surveys.⁷

Although a longitudinal analysis covering a five-year period thus may be made on the basis of a single survey at the end of the period, there are three major advantages in our plan of conducting annual surveys. First, some types of variables cannot conceivably be measured retrospectively. If a characteristic that is subject to change over time can be ascertained only by an objective measurement (or subjective judgment) made by someone other than the respondent, retrospective measurement of that variable is obviously ruled out.⁸ Many attitudinal measures fall into this category.

A second advantage of periodic surveys is that even in the case of information which, from a purely logical standpoint, could be collected retrospectively, validity of the data is frequently impaired by the respondents' faulty recall. The shorter the time period covered by detailed work histories, the more accurate are the responses likely to be, since respondents are likely to forget jobs of short duration or short periods of unemployment when they are queried about work experience over a long period of time.⁹ Data on annual income are another case in point. These considerations suggest that even if longitudinal analysis were not contemplated, that is, if the study proposed merely to analyze cumulative labor market experience over a five-year period, there would be distinct advantages in collecting the data annually.

Finally, annual surveys permit the study of certain methodological problems in labor market research that could not be approached by a single

7 For an example of a rather simple retrospective longitudinal study of unemployment, see University of Michigan Survey Research Center, Persistent Unemployment, 1957-1961 (Kalamazoo: The W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, 1962). The present report, based only on the initial interview survey, also involves longitudinal analysis in the same sense, since the current labor force and employment status of the respondent is analyzed in the light of his previous work experience.

8 It is no accident that the most extensive experience with longitudinal studies has been in the field of health, since subjects cannot possibly be expected to be able to report, for example, what their blood pressure was five years ago.

9 By comparing data collected in 1959 on unemployment experience during the previous 24 months with data collected in 1958 covering the previous 12 months, the University of Michigan Survey Research Center has estimated that the former understated by about 20 percent the number of families affected by unemployment during the two-year period. op.cit., p. 13.

survey. The reliability of response to questions about work experience can be tested in the final survey by asking questions that can be checked against responses in previous surveys. As another example, the validity of hypothetical questions or of attitudinal measures as predictors of actual labor market behavior can be tested only through periodic surveys of the same individuals.

In the longitudinal analysis of our data over the five-year period, we draw a distinction between "static" and "dynamic" variables. The former are the respondent's characteristics that remain constant throughout the five-year period. Obvious examples are color, date of birth, place of birth, area of residence at age 14, and occupation of father when respondent was 14 years old. An important group of variables in this category is all those relating to work experience prior to the initial (1966) survey. For the most part, information on the "static" variables has been obtained in the 1966 survey reported here, although we are, of course, not precluded from adding variables of this kind in subsequent interviews.

The "dynamic" variables include all those subject to change for each respondent during the course of the study. In addition to measures of current labor force and employment status, annual work experience, income, and occupational aspirations, this category includes some of the variables whose effect on labor market behavior and occupational goals is to be studied. Examples are marital status, training, educational attainment, health of the respondent and of his wife, number of dependents, and a set of attitudinal measures.

Reports on each of the follow-up surveys will focus primarily on changes in educational status, labor market status, and educational and occupational goals from 1966, as well as from the year preceding the year in question. Explanations for such changes will be sought not only in terms of the static variables, but also in terms of changes in those dynamic variables which we theoretically expect to influence labor market behavior and plans.

II CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

The most general statement which can be made about the determinants of an individual's activity in the labor market is that it reflects an interaction between the characteristics of the individual and those of his environment. An example might be the length of time it takes a young man to find a job after completing his education. This depends in part upon a bundle of characteristics that determine his attractiveness to potential employers, e.g., education and skills, health and physical fitness, color, initiative, appearance, and age. Some of these may be functionally relevant to job performance; others may reflect employers' hiring preferences that have little or nothing to do with performance.

A second set of "personal" characteristics affecting employment prospects operates to determine the range of possible employers. For example, the circle of friends and acquaintances of the youth and his parents is relevant in this context, since such contacts frequently are instrumental in landing a job. In addition, the young man's knowledge of alternative employment opportunities is important, as well as the vigor and initiative with which he conducts his search for work and his willingness to broaden this search outside his area of residence. Moreover, the youth's hierarchy of preferences for different types of work and different types of economic and noneconomic rewards influences both the kinds of work that he will seek, and the specific jobs that he will consider.

Finally, the young man's economic circumstances also condition the likelihood of his employment. The extent of his assets, his access to income from sources other than working, and the extent and character of his financial obligations, including the obligation to support others, all affect his "staying power" and, therefore, the requirements that he establishes for an acceptable job.

But the young man's labor market experience clearly depends upon environmental factors as well as upon his own characteristics. For any given set of personal characteristics, his unemployment may be expected to be of longer duration in a depressed economy than in a buoyant one. Similarly, the occupational structure of job opportunities relative to his own qualifications is an important factor. Employers' personnel policies and trade unions' policies likewise help to determine how readily he will be able to find a job. Government policies play a role, too. The effectiveness of the public employment service and the availability of public training programs and their conditions of eligibility are illustrative of factors that can affect the employment prospects of a youth embarking upon a work career.

What has been illustrated in the preceding paragraphs with respect to duration of unemployment upon entering the labor market, is equally applicable to all other facets of labor market behavior. Whether interest centers on labor force participation, mobility, or occupational choice, the explanation for the various patterns of observed behavior or experience is to be sought in the relationship between individual and environmental characteristics. The individual makes choices and acts in ways that are conditioned by the total complex of his characteristics. His behavior also is conditioned by his perception of the environment. Even if he is insensitive to or misinterprets environmental factors, they can make his choices irrelevant or, what may be even worse, "punish" him for them. The environment, in other words, plays a dual role in explaining labor market behavior. It conditions the values and perceptions of the individual and, therefore, the choices that he makes, and it imposes real constraints upon his action.

Of course, no single study can be expected to deal with all of the complex factors that are implied by the foregoing paragraphs. This study concentrates mainly on characteristics relating to the supply side of the labor market. In general, we seek to determine the characteristics of young men that are important in accounting for variations in their school and labor market experience and in their plans for the future. Nevertheless, environmental variables are not ignored. For example, observed differences in unemployment among occupational categories of workers may be attributable not only to the fact that the characteristics of workers vary among occupational categories, but also to the fact that demand (environmental) conditions may be quite different among occupational groups. Also, three characteristics of the local areas covered in the study are used as independent variables: size of labor force in the area, level of unemployment, and an index of employment opportunities for youth.

III THE VARIABLES¹⁰

Dependent Variables

The major dependent variables of this study are labor force participation, unemployment, mobility, job attitudes, knowledge of the labor market, and educational and occupational aspirations. The specific measures of each of these are described below.

Labor force participation Our main measure of labor force participation is the conventional one based upon the individual's activity in the calendar week preceding the time of the interview.¹¹ The interview questions (Items 37-41) and the coding procedures used for classifying respondents are identical to those currently used in the Current Population Survey.¹² A second measure is total number of weeks in the labor

¹⁰ The item number in parentheses after each variable described in this section refers to the relevant question in the interview schedule, which is reproduced in Appendix F.

¹¹ For convenience, we call this week to which our measures refer the "survey week."

¹² For a detailed set of definitions, see Employment and Earnings and Monthly Report of the Labor Force, op.cit., pp. 3-33. Although the new labor force definitions had not yet been officially adopted, they were used in the present survey in anticipation of their adoption in order to insure consistency during the five years of the study and comparability with national data from the CPS.

force during the 12-month period preceding the interview. This was ascertained for each respondent by adding the number of weeks that he had worked and the number of weeks that he was on layoff or looking for work during the preceding 12-month period (Items 58-62). While this measure has the advantage of displaying more variation than does labor force status in a single week, it is not based upon as refined a set of measurements as current labor force status, because no careful probes were made to assess the precise activity of the individual in each week of the 12-month period. A third measure of the degree of labor market activity--number of hours worked in the survey week--provides a means of differentiating between full-time and part-time workers (Items 38b-h).

Unemployment Employment status in the week preceding the interview is defined and measured just as it is in the CPS (Items 37-41). For respondents unemployed according to this definition, the duration of that spell of unemployment also was obtained. As in the case of labor force status, an alternative measure is number of weeks unemployed in the 12 months preceding the interview (Items 59-61). This measure has the same advantage and disadvantage relative to the measure based on current status as has been described above for the measure of labor force participation based on a year's activity.

Mobility Measures of interfirm, occupational, industrial, and geographic job movement are derived from work history data. Each respondent was asked to identify two jobs (defined as a continuous period of employment with a given employer): the current job, or the most recent for those who are unemployed or out of labor force (Item 42) and the first job after leaving school (Item 66). For each of these, questions were raised which permit classification of the responses according to occupation, industry, length of service, location, method of finding the job, and (except for current job) reason for leaving.

An additional measure of mobility in the sense of propensity or willingness to move is based upon responses to hypothetical job offers. Two questions were asked of employed respondents--one relating to a job within the same community (Item 50), the other to a job elsewhere in the country (Item 51). Respondents were asked how much they would have to be paid in order to be willing to accept each of these jobs, assuming that the type of work was the same as that of the current job. By relating their responses to their current wage rates, respondents have been classified according to their relative willingness to make interfirm and geographic shifts.

Occupational information A three-part test was designed to measure the extent of respondents' information about the labor market. The first part listed a number of occupations, e.g., machinist, stationary engineer, draftsman. For each occupation, three descriptions of job duties were provided from which the respondent was to select the one which best fitted the occupation (Items 67A-1 through 67J-1). Next, the respondent was to

indicate how much regular schooling jobholders in each of the listed occupations usually have (Items 67A-2 through 67J-2). In the third part, the respondent was to select from eight pairs of occupations the one in each which had higher average annual earnings (Items 69a-h). In this initial report, we treat the scores on this occupational information test primarily as a dependent variable and seek the factors that appear to explain the amount of labor market information young men possess. To some extent, however, we are able to assess the consequences of differences in labor market knowledge, a matter that will occupy an even more important role in our reports on the follow-up surveys.

Job attitudes This is another factor which is used both as a dependent and an independent variable. On the one hand, we examine the factors which appear to be related to variations in attitudes toward the current job of employed youth. On the other hand, we also examine the effects of such attitudes on labor market behavior. The specific attitudinal measures used are degree of satisfaction with present job (Item 48) and job factors liked best and least (Item 49a and b).

Educational and occupational aspirations With respect to educational goals, respondents who were enrolled in school were asked how much more education they would like to obtain (Item 34a) and how much more they actually expect to get (Item 36a). Questions also were asked pertaining to reasons for planning to discontinue education and, for those planning to attend college, where they planned to attend and the field of study they expected to pursue. To measure occupational aspirations, respondents were questioned about the kind of work they would like to be doing when they reach age 30 (Item 70). Their responses are classified according to the standard Bureau of the Census three-digit occupational classifications. Reasons for the preferred occupations and respondents' perceptions of the chances of actually achieving such occupations also are examined.

Explanatory Variables

From the conceptual framework outlined earlier in this chapter, it is evident that a great many specific attributes of a young man are likely to have a bearing upon his educational decisions, his occupational aspirations, and his labor market activity and experience. Since we cannot, of course, claim to have included all of the relevant variables in this study, we do have a large number of important ones. Nevertheless, we are aware of limitations that exist in the measurement instruments for some of the characteristics with which we are concerned. For example, we originally had planned to include in the interview schedule a number of formal psychological and sociological tests, since much of the variation among individuals in mobility and in other facets of labor market behavior doubtless stems from differences in personality, temperament, and values that have hardly begun to be explored in labor market research. Although it was not possible to administer such scales in the initial survey, at least limited use of them will be made before the study is completed.

For example, the third round of interviews will provide a measure of alienation based upon an abbreviated version of the Rotter Internal-External Scale.¹³ In the meantime, in this report we have relied upon simpler attitudinal measures with high face validity. There have been few, if any, studies involving a national sample that have combined as many attitudinal measures with as detailed work status and work experience data as are included here.

In some cases, considerations of cost or feasibility have influenced the kind and amount of information obtained. For example, a high school student's educational aspirations no doubt are influenced to a significant degree by the total school culture to which he is exposed. This embraces not only the formal aspects of the academic organization, e.g., the curriculum, the qualifications and interest of teachers and counselors, and the relevant physical facilities and equipment, but also such informal aspects as the character of peer groups, i.e., their codes, norms of behavior, sanctions, and rewards. Thorough examination of this complex of factors would have required a series of questions at least as long as our total interview schedule. Consequently, we were forced to settle for a brief series of questions in which the respondent was to indicate school subjects liked and disliked, nature and degree of involvement in extracurricular activities, where homework was done, amount of time spent in studying and in extracurricular activities, and his attitude toward his school experience. In addition, a brief questionnaire was mailed to the high school attended by each respondent to obtain information about his scholastic aptitude or intelligence test scores, grade point average, absenteeism, and whether there is any record of disciplinary action.¹⁴ Information about the school, e.g., type, enrollment, library facilities, number of full-time teachers, nature of counselling program, and annual per pupil expenditure for the school system, also was solicited in this mail survey. In short, we have included as many variables and have developed each as well as our ingenuity would permit, given the constraints referred to above. The main explanatory variables are described briefly in the paragraphs that follow.

Formative influences These include a variety of forces that may have been operating during early youth when attitudes, values, and aspirations begin to emerge. Age, for example, reflects both the possible impact of environment and the length of potential exposure to labor force experience. In addition, age is an especially critical factor in this

13 See Julian B. Rotter, "Generalized Expectancies for Internal Versus External Control of Reinforcement," Psychological Monographs: General and Applied, Vol. 80, No. 1, 1966, pp. 1-28.

14 Since this school survey was conducted in 1968, results are not yet available for inclusion in this report.

study since many important decisions about employment and education, which will undoubtedly have a major influence upon subsequent labor market successes or failures, are made during the teens and early twenties. Nationality (Items 90, 96, 97) and residence at age 14 (rural, urban, suburban, etc.) (Item 98) are used to measure early cultural influences. With whom living at age 14 (Item 99) differentiates between respondents who were reared in a "normal" situation with both parents present, and those whose early home was "broken" to some degree. Occupation of father (or head of household) when respondent was 14 years old (Item 100); educational attainment of father (Items 103 and 116), of mother (Items 105 and 116); and of oldest living sibling (Items 107, 114, 116) are indicators of the socioeconomic status of the respondent's family. A crude indicator of the quality of early cultural exposure is provided by a question on the availability of books, magazines, and newspapers in the home when the respondent was age 14 (Item 101).

Marital and familial characteristics These refer to the characteristics of both the respondent's parental family and his own family (for those who are married). Family structure may be expected to have considerable influence upon labor market activity. For example, a young man with a wife and children may well react differently to a job loss than one who has no family responsibilities. In order to explore relationships of this kind, we examine the structure of the youth's parental family in terms of number of relatives living in household (Item 110); number of siblings living outside the household (Item 106b); whether or not respondent is the oldest child in the family (Items 106 and 111); and total number of siblings at home attending elementary school, high school, and college (Item 114). The extent of a youth's family obligations is measured by his marital status (Item 112); number of dependents (Item 89); and status (living or deceased) of parents and parents-in-law (Items 94 and 95). The latter, of course, serves also as an indicator of possible financial support. Similarly, for those who are married, the potential and actual labor force participation of the wife are measured by her educational attainment (Items 114 or 116); her labor force activity during past 12 months (Items 118-120); and her health and physical condition (Items 79 and 80). For youth living with their parents, the labor force activity of parents and siblings during the past 12 months is obtained (Items 118-120).

Financial characteristics As is true of many of the factors mentioned above, financial characteristics will influence a young man's educational and occupational goals, as well as his present labor market activity. Among the financial variables we use are current wage rate (Item 42f); income of respondent and of wife (Item 87); total income of all family members in past 12 months (Item 88); net assets (Items 82 through 86); and home and automobile ownership (Items 82 and 85). Actual and potential financial support from "external" sources is measured by financial assistance received (by respondent or his wife) from relatives (Item 81) and kind and amount of financial aid received in college (Item 29h).

Skills Current and past occupations reflect the skills and vocational knowledge that a young man actually has applied. In addition, we use educational attainment (Item 4); type of high school curriculum (Item 23e); field of college degree received (Item 29e); and training received outside regular school (Items 13 through 16 and 21) as measures of potential skill and occupational "know how."

Health and physical condition This characteristic is ascertained from the respondents' answers to a series of questions designed to determine the presence of any health problems that may limit in any way his activity in school, the amount or kind of work that can be done, or any other activities other than school or work (Items 75, 76, 77). If a health problem exists, the nature and duration of the limitation are described (Item 78).

School experience variables A number of questions in the initial interview schedule relate to aspects of school experience. Respondents were asked how well they liked their high school or college work (Items 28 and 32). Their academic interests were identified by questions on high school subjects and college fields of study liked most and least (Items 24, 25, 30, 31). Similarly, college graduates were asked why they majored in a given field of study (Item 29f), while all those with some college were questioned about why they decided to continue their education beyond high school (Item 29k). Respondents who attended high school but not college were queried about their favorite extracurricular activity and the nonschool activity that occupied most of their time during their last full year in school (Items 26g and 27). They also were asked a series of questions relating to the amount of time they spent on homework and the conditions under which it was done (Item 26).

Work attitudes Several attitudes toward job and work role were explored. Satisfaction with current job is measured by response to the question whether the respondent likes his job very much, likes it fairly well, dislikes it somewhat, or dislikes it very much (Item 48). The respondents also were to indicate the factors about their current job that they like and dislike (Item 49). Their responses permit us to discriminate between those who focus mainly upon intrinsic factors, i.e., those related to the inherent nature of the work, and those who emphasize extrinsic factors, i.e., aspects of satisfaction that relate more to the overall job environment, such as wages, hours worked, and social relationships with fellow workers. A similar question, but one which focuses more upon general work role and personal goal orientation, asks about the more important thing in deciding what kind of work one wants to enter--good wages or liking the work (Item 68). Attachment to present employer is measured by response to a hypothetical job offer in the same community (Item 50), while propensity to move geographically is based on reactions to a similar hypothetical job offer in another labor market area (Item 51).

Environmental variables The two main environmental variables considered in this report are size of labor force and unemployment rate. The first refers to the number of persons, as of 1960, in the civilian labor force of the primary sampling unit (PSU) in which the respondent resides. In most cases these areas are SMSA's or individual counties. The second environmental variable refers to the level of unemployment of the PSU in 1960. Areas have been classified into three categories: under 4.2 percent (low unemployment); 4.2 to 6.2 percent (moderate unemployment); and over 6.2 percent (high unemployment).

V PLAN OF ANALYSIS

In this report we rely exclusively on tabular analysis to seek explanations for variations in the labor market experience and aspirations of youth on the basis of the variables that have been described. As has been indicated, color is used as a major control throughout the analysis, since we are particularly interested in exploring the differences in experiences between white and black youth and in contributing to a better understanding of the sources of the labor market disadvantages of the latter. For the cohort under investigation, school enrollment status and age are two other characteristics which have such a profound influence on labor market activity and are so frequently correlated with other explanatory variables that they generally must be controlled when one seeks to uncover a relationship between some characteristics (e.g., marital status) and a facet of labor market activity (e.g., labor force participation rate). Thus, most of the tables either control for school enrollment status and age or, what amounts to the same thing, relate to only a single age group of students or nonstudents. In effect, therefore, our tables tend to be at least five-way cross-classifications; for example, labor force participation by marital status, school enrollment status, age, and color. Such a table permits us to ascertain whether marital status, age, school enrollment status, and color are associated with labor force participation independently of each other.

However, frequently even this is not enough, since there may be another variable that is known (or suspected) to be correlated both with the dependent and one of the independent variables. For example, in chapter 6 we shall want to ascertain whether a youth's attachment to his current job is related to his satisfaction with the job. Since it is known that occupation and degree of satisfaction are related and that there is also a relationship between occupation and attachment, it is necessary to examine the relationship between satisfaction and attachment within occupational categories, i.e., to control for occupation. The relevant table, therefore, singles out nonstudents and indicates whether relation between satisfaction and attachment prevails within each color-age-occupation category--a total of six variables. More generally speaking, where there is reason to suppose that two explanatory variables associated with some aspect of labor market behavior are correlated,

the relation of one of the variables is investigated controlling for the other in the manner illustrated above. However, it is clearly impossible to carry this process much beyond what has been described. More complex tables would not only be very cumbersome, but, what is more serious, the small number of sample cases underlying the various entries in the table would make the sampling error so large as to preclude any confident interpretation. Nevertheless, the results of the tabular analysis should go far toward identifying the most influential variables for inclusion in a subsequent multivariate analysis of some of the subjects dealt with in this report.

Chapter 2 presents a description of the demographic and social characteristics of the age cohort of males 14-24 based upon our sample data. These characteristics, e.g., age, educational attainment, health condition, extent of occupational training, and nationality, are among the important explanatory variables that are used in subsequent chapters to account for variations in the labor market behavior and occupational plans of youth. In Chapter 2 the objective is to examine the distributions of the characteristics and to consider some of the interrelations among them.

The determinants of labor force participation and employment status are analyzed in Chapter 3. In addition, comparisons are made with similar data derived from the CPS with the aim of ascertaining the possible influence of the differences between the two surveys in methods of collecting the data. Youth's employment patterns, such as types of jobs held, the number of hours per week worked, rate of compensation, and mobility patterns are studied in Chapter 4. Chapter 5 examines the variation in occupational information among young men and the factors that appear to be related, both as causes and effects, to such variation. Chapter 6 focuses upon attitudes of workers toward their current jobs and the extent of their attachment to these jobs. The educational and occupational aspirations of high school youth and of young men no longer enrolled in school are analyzed in Chapter 7.

The findings and conclusions of the study are summarized in Chapter 8. On the basis of these findings, various hypotheses are presented which are to be tested with the data collected in subsequent surveys. Policy recommendations aimed at ameliorating labor market difficulties of youth are also discussed.

DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Subsequent chapters of this report attempt to account for variations in labor market behavior and plans on the basis of a substantial number of explanatory variables that describe demographic and social characteristics of youth: e.g., marital status, occupation of father, amount and type of education. In the present chapter, we focus on the distributions of some of the explanatory variables and on the interrelations among them. Our purpose is twofold. To begin with, some of these distributions are of interest in their own right. For example, how do white and black youth compare with respect to their reactions to high school? What factors, other than age, appear to differentiate between young men who are enrolled in school and those who are not? A second reason for examining the intercorrelations among the explanatory variables is that this will help avoid faulty interpretations in later chapters dealing with the determinants of labor market behavior. For example, if teenage youth differ from those in their twenties with respect to a characteristic, e.g., marital status, that bears an independent relationship to some aspect of labor market experience, e.g., labor force participation, it must be recognized that whatever age differences are observed in that aspect of labor market behavior will either overstate or understate the true "effect" of age.

COLOR AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICSAge, School Enrollment Status, and Marital Status

In the autumn of 1966, there were about 16.1 million males between the ages of 14 and 24, of whom about 87 percent were white, in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States.¹ Within the total group, the average age of whites is somewhat higher than that of blacks. Table 2.1 shows that 56 percent of the whites, as opposed to 40 percent of the blacks, are between the ages of 18 and 24. Of the total age cohort under consideration, 60 percent are enrolled in school

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1 In 1960, 60 percent of the total white and 57 percent of the total nonwhite male populations between the ages of 8 and 18 were at least 12 years old.

Table 2.1 Age: Males 14-24 Years of Age, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Age | WHITES | BLACKS |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| 14-15 | 23 | 24 |
| 16-17 | 22 | 25 |
| 18-19 | 20 | 16 |
| 20-21 | 14 | 15 |
| 22-24 | 22 | 20 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 14,046 | 2,041 |

and 40 percent are not. These proportions are quite different for white and black youth, however, despite the higher average age of the whites, 62 percent of them, but only 53 percent of the blacks are students. As would be expected, the differences are greatest among youth in their twenties, but, nevertheless, exist in all age categories.

Overall, white youth in the age category under consideration are more likely than black youth to be married (Table 2.2). Age for age, there is very little difference among those enrolled in school, but out-of-school white youth in every age category, except the very youngest, are more likely than the black to be married. Among those 20-24, the proportion married is 62 percent of the whites, but only 48 percent of the blacks. Irrespective of color and age, of course, students are less likely than nonstudents to be married. The relative difference between them is smallest in the oldest age category. For example, among white youth 22-24 years of age, 44 percent of the students and 68 percent of those not enrolled in school are married.

Health Condition

About one young man in every seven reports a health problem that affects his school activity, the amount or kind of work he can do, or some aspect of his activity other than school or work (Table 2.3). The proportion of blacks who report such limitations is somewhat smaller than that of whites (11 percent versus 15 percent), and the difference obtains both in the case of students and nonstudents. Among white youth, students are somewhat less likely than those out of school to report health problems, but the differences are substantial only for those in their teens. Among black students, there are no consistent differences in health between those enrolled and those not enrolled in school.

Table 2.2 Marital Status, by School Enrollment Status and Age: Males 14-24 Years of Age, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Marital status | Enrolled in school | | | | | | Not enrolled in school | | | | | | Total | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 |
| | WHITES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 44 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 25 | 49 | 68 | 48 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 34 | 63 | 21 |
| Other | 100 | 100 | 96 | 90 | 56 | 95 | 100 | 91 | 75 | 51 | 32 | 52 | 100 | 99 | 87 | 66 | 37 | 79 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 3,142 | 2,589 | 1,545 | 739 | 629 | 8,644 | 64 | 485 | 1,188 | 1,249 | 2,416 | 5,402 | 3,206 | 3,074 | 2,733 | 1,988 | 3,045 | 14,046 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 45 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 19 | 36 | 57 | 36 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 31 | 56 | 18 |
| Other | 100 | 100 | 99 | 89 | 55 | 98 | 100 | 96 | 81 | 64 | 43 | 64 | 100 | 99 | 88 | 69 | 44 | 82 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 467 | 394 | 123 | 54 | 41 | 1,078 | 24 | 116 | 198 | 259 | 365 | 963 | 491 | 510 | 321 | 313 | 406 | 2,041 |

Table 2.3 Effect of Health on Activity, by School Enrollment Status:
Males 14-24 Years of Age, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Effect of health on activity | WHITES | | | BLACKS | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Enrolled in school | Not enrolled in school | Total or average | Enrolled in school | Not enrolled in school | Total or average |
| Limits activity | 14 | 17 | 15 | 11 | 12 | 1 |
| Does not limit activity | 86 | 83 | 85 | 89 | 88 | 8 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 10 |
| Total number (thousands) | 8,644 | 5,402 | 14,046 | 1,079 | 877 | 2,04 |

These results are rather difficult to explain, but may be due to inadequacies in our measures. For one thing, the questions used to categorize respondents by health condition were somewhat different for students and nonstudents.² With respect to the health differences between whites and blacks, one possible explanation is that an individual's responses to the health questions reflect two quite different perceptions: (1) the perception of what constitutes "good health," and (2) the perception of his own physical condition. An individual's opinion concerning his health is probably a function of both these perceptions. It seems reasonable to hypothesize that one's notion of what constitutes good health is a function both of cultural factors and of the amount of medical care he receives. If whites receive medical care for more of their ailments

2 For respondents enrolled in school, the opening question in the section on health was, "Do you have any health problems that limit in any way your activity in school?" Those who responded negatively were asked, "Do you have any health problems that limit in any way the amount or kind of work you can do?" If this also was answered in the negative, the final question was, "Do you have any health problems that limit in any way all your other activities?" An affirmative answer to any one of these questions was taken to indicate the presence of a health problem. In the case of nonstudents, questioning began with the second of these three questions.

than do blacks, then they are perhaps more likely to classify a wider range of ailments as problems.³

Educational Characteristics

Age and grade in school Among the young men enrolled in school, there is so close a relationship between age and grade in school that for most purposes they can be used interchangeably in the analysis (Table 2.4). Nevertheless, there is some variation. In all educational categories, except "16 or more," there is more age dispersion among blacks than among white youth. For every grade level the mean age of blacks is higher than that of whites.

Educational attainment and training of those out of school The fact that the school enrollment ratio has been lower among blacks than among whites means, of course, that educational attainment of those who are out of school is lower for blacks than for whites (Table 2.5). About a third of the white youth not enrolled in school, as compared with almost three-fifths of the black, lack a high school diploma. At the other extreme, 6 percent of the out-of-school white youth, but only 2 percent of the black, have completed four or more years of college.

Black youth who are no longer in school not only have less formal education than their white counterparts, but they are much less likely to have had vocational training outside the regular school system (Table 2.6). Almost half of the whites, but only a fourth of the blacks, have had such training (apprenticeship, company training program, business college, or technical institute, etc.). Typically, training of this kind has been for skilled manual jobs in the case of both whites (48 percent) and blacks

3 It has not been possible thus far to put this hypothesis to a rigorous test because of the difficulty of judging the relative severity of health limitations on the basis of the descriptions provided by the respondents. Nevertheless, there is limited evidence to support it. Of all the young men in the sample who reported health limitations, 16.4 percent of the whites, but only 8.9 percent of the blacks described their problem as limiting some activity other than school or work. The proportions of white and black sample cases with health problems affecting only school and/or work are 12.1 percent and 9.9 percent, respectively, as compared with 14.5 percent and 10.9 percent for problems that limit any kind of activity. On the assumption that the reported ailments that do not limit school or work are less serious than those that do, these results are consistent with the notion that white youth are more likely than black to report trivial conditions.

Table 2.4 Year of School Attending, by Age: Males 14-24 Years of Age
Enrolled in School, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Age | 8 or less | 9-11 | 12 | 13-15 | 16 or more | Mean grade in school (2) |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|------------|--------------------------|
| WHITES | | | | | | |
| 14-15 | 98 | 73 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9.9 |
| 16-17 | 2 | 25 | 86 | 18 | 1 | 11.5 |
| 18-19 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 56 | 4 | 13.6 |
| 20-21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 44 | 14.9 |
| 22-24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 51 | 15.2 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | ---- |
| Total number (thousands) | 232 | 3,977 | 1,342 | 2,317 | 776 | ---- |
| Mean age (1) | 14.5 | 15.1 | 16.7 | 18.8 | 21.6 | ---- |
| BLACKS | | | | | | |
| 14-15 | 83 | 62 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9.6 |
| 16-17 | 17 | 35 | 78 | 21 | 0 | 10.9 |
| 18-19 | 0 | 3 | 20 | 44 | 0 | 12.9 |
| 20-21 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 23 | 44 | 14.4 |
| 22-24 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 56 | 14.8 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | ---- |
| Total number (thousands) | 102 | 617 | 165 | 162 | 34 | ---- |
| Mean age (1) | 14.8 | 15.3 | 16.9 | 19.0 | 21.9 | ---- |

(1) Means computed from frequency distributions.

(2) Means computed from frequency distributions. The following estimates were used to represent each category: eighth grade or less = 8; high school 1-3 = 10; high school 4 = 12; college 1-3 = 14; college 4 or more = 16.

Table 2.5 Highest Year of School Completed: Males 14-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Highest year of school completed | WHITES | BLACKS |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| 8 or less | 12 | 23 |
| 9-11 | 22 | 34 |
| 12 | 48 | 36 |
| 13-15 | 11 | 5 |
| 16 or more | 6 | 2 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 5,402 | 963 |

Table 2.6 Extent of Vocational Training Received outside Regular School: (1) Males 14-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Extent of vocational training | WHITES | BLACKS |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| None | 53 | 75 |
| 1 or more programs (2) | 47 | 25 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 5,067 | 942 |

(1) Excludes college graduates.

(2) In this context, the following are different programs: apprenticeship, company training program, business college or technical institute, and "general courses."

(52 percent) (Table 2.7). Whites are considerably more likely than blacks to have had training for professional or technical jobs (19 percent versus 12 percent).

In the case both of whites and blacks, there is a strong association, at least up to the college level, between the level of school attainment and the probability of the individual's having had vocational training (Table 2.8). Among whites, only one in five of those who left school prior to high school has had training. This proportion rises to two-fifths of those who were high school dropouts and to over half of those who left school with a high school diploma or who went on to take some college work. Among black youth, the likelihood of having had training is lower than for white in every educational attainment category, but, nevertheless, rises continuously from only about a tenth for those with eight or fewer years of school to over two-fifths of those with some college.

High school experience About 90 percent of youth 14-24 years of age who have ever attended high school have gone to public schools. The proportion of whites who have attended private schools is 11 percent, compared with 4 percent of the blacks. White high school youth are about twice as likely as black youth to be enrolled in the college preparatory curriculum (46 percent versus 24 percent), and considerably less likely to be enrolled in the general curriculum (42 percent versus 61 percent). There is not much difference between the two color groups in the proportions enrolled in vocational or commercial curricula. Both of these combined account for only about 12 percent of the whites and 15 percent of the blacks (Table 2.9).

Only a very small proportion of youth enrolled in high school reports a dislike for their high school experience, and the percentage is smaller for black youth (2 percent) than for white (7 percent). Almost three-fifths of the blacks, compared with two-fifths of the whites, report liking their high school experience very much (Table 2.10).⁴ The pattern of preferences for the academic courses taken in high school is remarkably similar for black and white youth (Table 2.11). Except for the larger proportion of blacks whose favorite subject is one of the humanities (23 percent of the blacks versus 13 percent of the whites) and the offsetting larger proportion of whites who most enjoyed a vocational subject (20 percent of the whites versus 10 percent of the blacks), there is virtually no difference between the responses of the two groups.

⁴ Black youth are more likely than white youth to have dropped out of school, and dropouts of both color groups are more likely to have reacted unfavorably to high school experience than those who remained in. Nevertheless, among dropouts as well as those in school, the proportion who disliked their school experience is smaller for blacks than for whites.

Table 2.7 Type of Vocational Training Received outside Regular School: Males 14-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, with Some Training, (1) by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Type of training received | WHITES | BLACKS |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Professional and technical | 19 | 12 |
| Managerial | 2 | 1 |
| Clerical | 9 | 6 |
| Skilled manual | 48 | 52 |
| Other, general courses | 22 | 29 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 2,394 | 232 |

(1) Excludes college graduates.

Table 2.8 Highest Year of School Completed, by Extent of Vocational Training: Males 14-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School (1), by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Extent of vocational training | 8 or less | 9-11 | 12 | 13-15 | Total or average |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|
| WHITES | | | | | |
| 8 or more programs | 79 | 59 | 44 | 47 | 53 |
| Total percent | 21 | 41 | 56 | 53 | 47 |
| Total number (thousands) | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 699 | 1,188 | 2,573 | 607 | 5,067 |
| BLACKS | | | | | |
| 8 or more programs | 91 | 76 | 67 | 57 | 75 |
| Total percent | 9 | 24 | 33 | 43 | 25 |
| Total number (thousands) | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 227 | 323 | 346 | 46 | 942 |

Table 2.9 High School Curriculum: Males 14-17 Years of Age
Enrolled in High School or College, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| High school curriculum | WHITES | BLACKS |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Vocational | 9 | 11 |
| Commercial | 3 | 4 |
| College preparatory | 46 | 24 |
| General | 42 | 61 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 5,499 | 760 |

Table 2.10 Reaction to High School Experience: Males 14-24 Years
of Age Enrolled in High School, ⁽¹⁾ by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Reaction to high school | WHITES | BLACKS |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Like it very much | 42 | 56 |
| Like it fairly well | 52 | 42 |
| Dislike it somewhat | 6 | 2 |
| Dislike it very much | 1 | 0 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 4,425 | 621 |

⁽¹⁾ who have completed at least one year of
high school. Percentages of both blacks and whites are between

Table 2.11 High School Subject Enjoyed Most: Males 14-24 Years of Age, (1) by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Subject enjoyed most | WHITES | BLACKS |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Foreign languages | 2 | 2 |
| Humanities | 13 | 23 |
| Social science | 18 | 19 |
| Science | 15 | 13 |
| Math | 23 | 25 |
| Commercial | 4 | 2 |
| Vocational | 20 | 10 |
| Other | 4 | 2 |
| None | 2 | 2 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 9,153 | 1,375 |

(1) Includes all respondents except those with less than one year high school and those with one year of college or more.

There are greater differences between whites and blacks, however, in respect to high school subject disliked most (Table 2.12). Black youth are somewhat more likely than white to dislike science and mathematics, while whites are more likely than blacks to dislike humanities and social sciences. Black youth are considerably more likely than white to report no subject particularly disliked (22 percent versus 10 percent).

Black youth report spending somewhat more time on their high school homework than white youth. About 31 percent of the whites and 38 percent of the blacks with high school experience but no college, claim to spend, or more, ten hours or more per week on homework. Approximately one-third of the whites and one-fourth of the blacks report less than five hours per week (Table 2.13).

There is a much more substantial difference between the two color groups in where homework usually is done. Whites are divided almost equally between those who generally do their homework in school (47 percent) and those who generally do it at home (48 percent). Black youth, on the other hand, are over twice as likely to do their work at home as in school (61 percent versus 30 percent). About 5 percent of each group generally do their homework somewhere other than at home or school.

Table 2.12 High School Subject Disliked Most: Males 14-24 Years of Age Enrolled in High School, ⁽¹⁾ by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Subject disliked most | WHITES | BLACKS |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Foreign languages | 8 | 4 |
| Humanities | 31 | 17 |
| Social science | 16 | 12 |
| Science | 9 | 12 |
| Math | 21 | 26 |
| Commercial | 1 | 3 |
| Vocational | 1 | 2 |
| Other | 3 | 3 |
| None | 9 | 22 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 4,425 | 621 |

(1) Includes only those who have completed at least one year of high school. Over 99 percent of whites and blacks are between 14 and 19 years of age.

Table 2.13 Hours per Week Spent on Homework: Males 14-24 Years of Age, ⁽¹⁾ by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Hours per week doing homework | WHITES | BLACKS |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| None | 4 | 3 |
| 1-4 | 29 | 24 |
| 5-9 | 36 | 36 |
| 10-14 | 22 | 26 |
| 15-19 | 7 | 7 |
| 20 or more | 2 | 5 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 9,153 | 1,375 |

(1) Includes all respondents except those with less than one year of high school and those with one year of college or more.

The pattern of extracurricular activity in high school is similar for white and black youth. Almost identical proportions (two-thirds) participate in such activity, and close to half of these devote at least ten hours per week to it (Table 2.14). The types of extracurricular activity enjoyed most by blacks and whites also are quite similar (Table 2.15). Slightly over two-thirds of each group specify sports as their favorite. Black youth are somewhat more likely than white to report music as their favorite extracurricular activity (17 percent versus 11 percent).

Family Background Characteristics

As is well known, there are substantial differences between the types of communities in which white and black youth grow up (Table 2.16). On the basis of their residence at age 14, black youth are more likely than their white peers to reside in large cities (34 percent versus 11 percent) and in rural farm situations (20 percent versus 15 percent). White youth are more likely than black to live in small towns (29 percent versus 20 percent) and in the suburbs of large cities (9 percent versus 1 percent).

There is, of course, a much greater difference between how blacks and whites live than where they live. At age 14, the vast majority of white youth were residing with both their natural parents (85 percent), whereas this was true of only 58 percent of the black youth (Table 2.17). The proportions living with one natural parent and a stepparent are similar for the two groups (about 5 percent), but black youth were more than three times as likely as white youth to be living with their mother alone (22 percent versus 7 percent), three times as likely to be on their own (3 percent versus 1 percent), and seven times as likely to be living with relatives (9.1 percent versus 1.3 percent).

Measured by occupation of father (or other head of household) when the youth was 14, the socioeconomic status of family of origin is profoundly different between blacks and whites (Table 2.18). White youth are over four times as likely as black youth to be from homes headed by professional or technical workers or by managers, proprietors, and officials (27 percent versus 6 percent). They are twice as likely to come from homes headed by skilled manual workers (23 percent versus 12 percent). They are, on the other hand, only a fourth as likely to come from homes of unskilled farm or nonfarm laborers or service workers.

Another indicator of family background that may be particularly important from the standpoint of explaining school enrollment, school achievement, and occupational aspiration is the extent of the youth's exposure to reading material during his formative years. All members of the sample were asked whether, when they were age 14, their families regularly received (1) any magazines, (2) a newspaper, and (3) whether they had a library card (Table 2.19). While this is admittedly a limited

Table 2.14 Hours per Week Spent on Extracurricular Activity: Males
14-24 Years of Age Enrolled in High School, (1) by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Hours spent on activities | WHITES | BLACKS |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| None | 34 | 32 |
| 1-4 | 18 | 18 |
| 5-9 | 16 | 20 |
| 10-14 | 20 | 14 |
| 15-19 | 9 | 12 |
| 20 or more | 4 | 4 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 4,425 | 621 |

(1) Includes only those who have completed at least one year of high school. Over 99 percent of both whites and blacks are between 14 and 19 years of age.

Table 2.15 Favorite Extracurricular Activity: Males 14-24 Years of
Age Enrolled in High School (1) Who Participate in
Extracurricular Activities, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Favorite activity | WHITES | BLACKS |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Sports | 68 | 70 |
| Publications | 2 | 1 |
| Dramatics | 3 | 0 |
| Music | 11 | 17 |
| Other clubs | 10 | 10 |
| Other | 7 | 4 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 2,968 | 423 |

(1) Includes only those who have completed at least one year of high school. Over 99 percent of both whites and blacks are between 14 and 19 years of age.

Table 2.16 Residence at Age 14: Males 14-24 Years of Age, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Residence at age 14 | WHITES | BLACKS |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Rural farm | 15 | 20 |
| Rural nonfarm | 11 | 10 |
| Town (under 25,000) | 29 | 20 |
| Suburb | 9 | 3 |
| City (25,000-100,000) | 15 | 13 |
| City (100,000 and over) | 21 | 34 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 14,046 | 2,041 |

Table 2.17 Living Arrangement at Age 14: Males 14-24 Years of Age, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Living arrangement | WHITES | BLACKS |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Father and mother | 85 | 58 |
| Father and stepmother | 1 | 1 |
| Mother and stepfather | 3 | 4 |
| Father | 1 | 3 |
| Mother | 7 | 22 |
| Other relative | 1 | 9 |
| Other arrangement | 0 | 0 |
| "On my own" | 1 | 3 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 14,046 | 2,041 |

Table 2.18 Occupation of Father ⁽¹⁾ When Youth Was Age 14: Males
14-24 Years of Age, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Occupation of father | WHITES | BLACKS |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Professional, technical | 10 | 4 |
| Nonfarm managers and proprietors | 17 | 2 |
| Clerical | 4 | 4 |
| Sales | 6 | 1 |
| Craftsmen and foremen | 23 | 12 |
| Operatives | 17 | 22 |
| Nonfarm laborers | 4 | 16 |
| Service | 4 | 18 |
| Farmers and farm managers | 10 | 14 |
| Farm laborers | 2 | 7 |
| Armed forces | 2 | 1 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 14,046 | 2,041 |

(1) Occupation of head of household is used if respondent was not living with father.

Table 2.19 Exposure to Reading Material at Age 14: Males 14-24
Years of Age, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Exposure to reading material | WHITES | BLACKS |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Magazines, newspapers, library card | 61 | 32 |
| Lacked any one | 27 | 27 |
| Lacked any two | 9 | 22 |
| Lacked all three | 3 | 20 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 14,046 | 2,041 |

Exposure, it is nevertheless worthy of notice that white youth are twice as likely as black youth to have had access to all three types of reading material (61 percent versus 32 percent). One in five blacks, as contrasted with less than one in thirty whites, lived in homes into which no magazines, newspapers, or library books regularly came.

Income and Assets

Differences in family structure make it rather difficult to interpret precisely data on total annual incomes of the families of young men 14-24 years of age. In some cases, the family whose income is being measured consists of the young man and his wife; in others, of the young man and his parents; in still others, the youth may be living alone. Since whites and blacks differ with respect to marital status and family structure, the income data must be interpreted cautiously. Nevertheless, the differences between whites and blacks shown in Table 2.20 are impressive. Three-tenths of the black youth, in contrast with less than one-tenth of the white, are in family units with annual incomes under \$3,000. At the other end of the income continuum, over a third of the white families, but only a ninth of the black, enjoyed incomes over \$10,000 per year.

When one looks at the annual income of the young men, the same pronounced differences appear. Table 2.21 presents the picture for youth not enrolled in school. Differences between white and black youth prevail in all age categories, but increase substantially as age increases. Thus, the median income of white youth 16-17 years old (\$1,370) is 18 percent higher than that of the same age group of black youth. But for those 19 years old, the differential is 51 percent (\$2,750 versus \$1,818), and for youth in their twenties, 75 percent (\$5,257 versus \$3,000).

Table 2.20 Total Income of All Family Members in 12 Months Preceding Survey: Males 14-24 Years of Age, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Total family income | WHITES | BLACKS |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Less than \$3,000 | 7 | 30 |
| \$3,000-4,999 | 12 | 24 |
| \$5,000-7,499 | 26 | 21 |
| \$7,500-9,999 | 20 | 13 |
| \$10,000-14,999 | 22 | 10 |
| \$15,000 or more | 13 | 1 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 14,046 | 2,041 |

II SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STATUS AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

In seeking the determinants of labor market behavior in subsequent chapters we almost invariably shall control for school enrollment status. Students and nonstudents have such markedly different patterns of labor market behavior that they are, in effect, analyzed separately. But this leads to precisely the kind of problem at which the present chapter is directed: since school enrollment status is correlated with labor market behavior, it is important to inquire whether enrollment status perhaps is reflecting the influence on labor market behavior of other factors with which enrollment status is correlated. Actually, there is a more direct way of introducing the subject of this section. We need merely to note that it is somewhat unsatisfying to recognize school enrollment status as a "determinant" of labor market status and activity without inquiring into what factors appear to determine whether a young man is in school.

A complete answer to this question must await our subsequent surveys of the young men when we shall have had an opportunity to observe decisions being made with respect to education and to explore the reasons for them. Also, when information on school records of the youth has been processed, we doubtless shall be in a position to explore the influence of a much wider range of variables than we have available now. Nevertheless, on the basis of data collected in the initial survey, it is possible to perceive a number of variables relating to the background of the youth that affect the likelihood of their being in school.

Table 2.21 Income of Respondent in 12 Months Preceding Survey, by Age:
Males 16-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Income of respondent | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-24 | Total 16-24 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|
| WHITES | | | | |
| Less than \$2,000 | 73 | 38 | 9 | 21 |
| \$2,000 - 3,999 | 20 | 32 | 19 | 22 |
| \$4,000 - 5,999 | 7 | 20 | 35 | 29 |
| \$6,000 - 7,499 | 0 | 6 | 21 | 16 |
| \$7,500 and over | 0 | 4 | 16 | 12 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 485 | 1,188 | 3,665 | 5,338 |
| Median ⁽¹⁾ | \$1,370 | \$2,750 | \$5,257 | \$4,483 |
| BLACKS | | | | |
| Less than \$2,000 | 86 | 55 | 27 | 40 |
| \$2,000 - 3,999 | 14 | 33 | 46 | 39 |
| \$4,000 - 5,999 | 0 | 9 | 18 | 14 |
| \$6,000 - 7,499 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 6 |
| \$7,500 and over | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 116 | 198 | 624 | 938 |
| Median ⁽¹⁾ | \$1,163 | \$1,818 | \$3,000 | \$2,513 |

(1) Computed from grouped data.

Occupation of Father

The socioeconomic status of a youth's family reflects not only its economic circumstances, but also the more intangible aspects of its style of life, and these in turn affect the ability and the desire of the youngster to be in school. It comes as no surprise, therefore, that a young man's school enrollment status is related to the occupation of his father during the youth's formative years.³ Nevertheless, there are interesting variations in this relationship depending on the age of the young man (Table 2.22). At ages 16 and 17, the relevant school is high school for the overwhelming majority of youth. At higher ages, and particularly those in the twenties, the relevant school is college. Thus, among the 16 and 17 year olds, enrollment status differentiates largely between those who are in high school and those who have dropped out. Among those 18-19 years old and those 20-24, enrollment status differentiates largely between those enrolled in college and those who have not gone that far.

Among white youth 16 and 17 years old, sons of white-collar workers are considerably more likely to be enrolled in school than are those from families headed by other categories of workers; but there is little, if any, difference in enrollment rates among sons of blue-collar, service, and farm workers. In the later teens, however, and in the twenties, sons of farm workers are considerably less likely than youngsters from blue-collar families to be in school. For the entire group of whites 16-24 years of age, 65 percent of the young men from white-collar homes are enrolled, as compared with about 45 percent of those from homes headed by blue-collar or service workers and only 32 percent of those from farm families.

In the case of black youth, among both teenagers and those in their twenties, enrollment ratios appear to decline as one moves from white-collar, through blue-collar and service, to farm occupations. For

3 Cf. Charles B. Nam, A. Lewis Rhodes, and Robert E. Herriott, "School Retention by Race, Religion, and Socioeconomic Status," Journal of Human Resources, Vol. III (Spring, 1968), p. 178; Herbert Bienstock, "Realities of the Job Market for the High School Dropout," in Daniel Schreiber (ed.), Profile of the School Dropout (N.Y.: Random House, 1967), pp. 101-125; Vera C. Perella, and Forrest Bogan, "Out-of-School Youth, February 1963," Special Labor Force Report (Part I), United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Monthly Labor Review, Vol. LXXXVII, (November, 1964), pp. 1260-68; Thomas E. Swanstrom, "Out-of-School Youth, February 1963," Special Labor Force Report (Part II), United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Monthly Labor Review, Vol. LXXXVII, (December, 1964), pp. 1416-24.

TABLE 2.22 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STATUS, by Age and Occupation of Father When Youth Was Age 14: Males 16-24
Years of Age, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Age and school enrollment status | WHITES | | | | | BLACKS | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------|------------------|--------------|-------------|---------|------|------------------|
| | White collar | Blue collar | Service | Farm | Total or average | White collar | Blue collar | Service | Farm | Total or average |
| 16-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 92 | 80 | 78 | 79 | 84 | 92 | 76 | 85 | 64 | 77 |
| Not enrolled | 8 | 20 | 22 | 21 | 16 | 8 | 24 | 15 | 36 | 23 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,121 | 1,390 | 102 | 269 | 3,074 | 36 | 236 | 88 | 72 | 510 |
| 18-19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 73 | 49 | 56 | 35 | 56 | 92 | 34 | 26 | 28 | 38 |
| Not enrolled | 27 | 51 | 44 | 65 | 44 | 38 | 66 | 74 | 72 | 62 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,035 | 1,146 | 98 | 283 | 2,733 | 37 | 135 | 37 | 67 | 321 |
| 20-24 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 43 | 20 | 24 | 13 | 27 | 44 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 13 |
| Not enrolled | 57 | 80 | 76 | 87 | 73 | 56 | 87 | 93 | 98 | 87 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,709 | 2,103 | 192 | 699 | 5,033 | 76 | 265 | 121 | 182 | 719 |
| Total 16-24 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 65 | 45 | 46 | 32 | 51 | 68 | 41 | 38 | 21 | 39 |
| Not enrolled | 34 | 55 | 54 | 68 | 49 | 32 | 59 | 62 | 79 | 61 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 3,865 | 4,639 | 392 | 1,252 | 10,840 | 149 | 636 | 246 | 321 | 1,550 |

the total 16-24 year age group of blacks, the enrollment ratios for young men whose fathers were in these occupational categories, respectively, are 68 percent, 41 percent, 38 percent, and 21 percent. It is exceedingly important to note that the differences in overall enrollment ratios between blacks and whites are in large measure explained by differences between the two color groups in socioeconomic status of family of origin.⁴ For the total age group 16-24, half of the whites, but only two-fifths of the blacks, are enrolled. However, youth from white-collar families are equally likely to be enrolled (about two-thirds) regardless of color. Also, among the sons of blue-collar workers, the difference between enrollment rates of whites and blacks (45 percent versus 41 percent) is minimal. In the service and farm categories, enrollment rates of whites are substantially higher than those of blacks, but the composition of these two categories of occupations differs as between the two color groups to an even greater extent than the other types of occupations.

Type of Community

The type of community in which the youth lived at age 14 bears a substantial relationship to whether he is currently enrolled in school (Table 2.23). Among white youth between the ages of 16 and 24, those with rural farm or nonfarm backgrounds are considerably less likely to be enrolled in school than those from urban communities. Compared with an average enrollment rate of 51 percent for all white youth in this age category, rural farm youth have a rate of 33 percent and rural nonfarm youth a rate of 41 percent. The highest enrollment rate (65 percent) exists among those youth from the suburbs of large cities. Intermediate between these extremes are the enrollment rates of youth from urban areas (about 55 percent). There is virtually no variation according to size of urban area. The pattern for black youth is very much the same as that for white, except that those from rural nonfarm areas are hardly less likely to be enrolled in school than those from urban areas. It is noteworthy that the substantially lower enrollment rates of blacks than of whites do not prevail among those with rural nonfarm backgrounds. Among this group, the enrollment ratio is 41 percent for whites and 40 percent for blacks.

Early Home Environment

Family structure The structure of a youth's family when he was age 14 apparently has a substantial bearing on the likelihood of his

⁴ Nam, Rhodes, and Herriott have reported that one-half of the inter-color difference in enrollment rates in a sample of 3,000 young men and women 16-17 years of age could be accounted for by father's occupational status, and that much of the remaining difference was explained by religion and region of residence. *ibid.*, p. 177.

Table 2.23 School Enrollment Status, by Residence When Youth Was Age 14: Males 16-24 Years of Age,
by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| School enrollment status | Rural farm | Rural nonfarm | Town | Suburb | City (25,000-100,000) | City (100,000 or more) | Total or average |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------|-------|--------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| WHITES | | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 33 | 41 | 55 | 65 | 55 | 54 | 51 |
| Not enrolled | 67 | 59 | 45 | 35 | 45 | 46 | 49 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,687 | 1,135 | 3,074 | 1,012 | 1,555 | 2,373 | 10,840 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 26 | 40 | 42 | 61 | 44 | 43 | 39 |
| Not enrolled | 74 | 60 | 58 | 39 | 56 | 57 | 61 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 333 | 152 | 305 | 42 | 206 | 510 | 1,550 |

continuing his education (Table 2.24). Among young white men between the ages of 16 and 24, about one-half of those who at age 14 were living with their natural parents currently are enrolled in school, as compared with slightly under two-fifths of all other youth. It is interesting that the relationship in the case of black youth, although in the same direction, is not nearly so strong. The enrollment rate of those who at age 14 were living with their mother and father is 42 percent compared with 37 percent for those in family units with one or both natural parents absent. It should be noted that when one considers only youth from "broken" homes, there is no perceptible difference between whites and blacks in the probability of their remaining in school. The observed relationship between family structure and school attendance may simply be a reflection of differences in financial resources, but it also may reflect the independent effect of the nature of family life on the youngster's motivation and interest in school.

Table 2.24 School Enrollment Status, by Living Arrangement at Age 14: Males 16-24 Years of Age, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| School enrollment status | WHITES | | | BLACKS | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|
| | Father and mother | All other | Total or average | Father and mother | All other | Total or average |
| Enrolled | 52 | 38 | 51 | 42 | 37 | 40 |
| Not enrolled | 47 | 61 | 49 | 58 | 63 | 60 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 9,310 | 1,507 | 10,840 | 901 | 642 | 1,550 |

Nationality There are fairly substantial differences in the school enrollment rates of white youth between the ages of 16 and 24 depending upon their national origin (Table 2.25). Those whose families have lived in the United States or Canada for at least three generations are less likely to be enrolled in school than those whose families have immigrated more recently from European countries. Native Americans have an enrollment rate of 47 percent compared with 63 percent for youth whose families originated in Central or Eastern Europe, 57 percent for those from Southern Europe, and 54 percent for those from Northern or Western Europe, although the numbers in the latter category are so small as to make this estimated enrollment rate rather unreliable. Youth with recent origins in Latin America are about as likely to be enrolled in school as are those whose families have lived in North America for three generations (48 percent versus 47 percent).

Table 2.25 School Enrollment Status, by Nationality: White Males 16-24 Years of Age
(Percentage distribution)

| School enrollment status | U.S. or Canada | North or West Europe | Central or East Europe | South Europe | Latin America | Other | Total or average |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------|------------------|
| Enrolled | 47 | 54 | 63 | 57 | 48 | 53 | 51 |
| Not enrolled | 53 | 46 | 37 | 43 | 52 | 47 | 49 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 7,771 | 206 | 1,260 | 933 | 753 | 193 | 10,840 |

Exposure to reading material Another indicator of early home environment that bears a profound relationship to the probability of a youngster's remaining in school is provided by the data in Table 2.26 which show enrollment rates in relation to the youth's exposure to reading material in his home when he was 14 years of age. White youth between the ages of 16 and 24 whose families had a library card and regularly received a newspaper and magazines, currently have a school enrollment rate of 61 percent, compared to 42 percent for those who lacked any one of these three types of reading material, 27 percent for those who lacked two, and 14 percent for those who lacked all three. It is very curious that for black youth the relationship between these two variables is not nearly so strong as it is for white. For instance, on the basis of this measure, the most culturally deprived white youth is only one-fourth as likely to be enrolled in school as the most privileged youth; but the rate for black youth in the lowest category is more than half as high as the rate for the top category. As a consequence, it is only among the youth with exposure to all three types of reading material that the whites manifest a substantially higher probability of remaining in school than the blacks.

Table 2.26 School Enrollment Status, by Exposure to Reading Material at Age 14: Males 16-24 Years of Age, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| School enrollment status | Had newspaper, magazines, and library card | Lacked one | Lacked two | Lacked all three | Total or average |
|--------------------------|--|------------|------------|------------------|------------------|
| WHITES | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 61 | 42 | 27 | 14 | 51 |
| Not enrolled | 39 | 58 | 73 | 86 | 49 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 6,506 | 2,944 | 980 | 380 | 10,840 |
| BLACKS | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 50 | 38 | 37 | 28 | 39 |
| Not enrolled | 50 | 62 | 63 | 72 | 61 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 482 | 427 | 320 | 308 | 1,550 |

n the second category, the enrollment rate for whites is only slightly higher than that for blacks (42 percent versus 38 percent) and, in the two lowest categories, the rates for blacks are actually substantially higher than those for whites. These results are rather puzzling. They suggest that the indicators of cultural environment that we have used do not have the same implications in black families as in white and are perhaps, therefore, not as appropriate a measure for the blacks.

High School Curriculum

There is a substantial relationship between the high school curriculum youth pursues and the probability of his being in school (Table 2.27). This is, of course, hardly surprising for youth in their late teens and their early twenties since those in college preparatory curricula are obviously much more likely to go on to college. It is noteworthy, however, that the relationship also prevails among those who are 16 and 17 years old. The enrollment rate for white youth in this age group who pursued the college preparatory curriculum is 96 percent in contrast to 81 percent for those in the general curriculum and 82 percent for those in the vocational curriculum. Thus it appears that youth in the general and vocational curricula are not only less likely than those in the college preparatory curriculum to continue their education beyond high school, but they are also more likely to drop out of high school before graduating.⁵

Among the 20-24 year age group, those who had college preparatory work in high school are about two-and-a-half times as likely to be enrolled in school as those in the general curriculum. Perhaps more interesting than this finding, however, is that no high school curriculum is an absolute bar to college enrollment. Approximately one in twelve of the relatively small number of youth between the ages of 20 and 24 in the vocational or commercial curricula in high school is currently enrolled in college. This is true also of almost a fifth of those who had been enrolled in the general curriculum.

The pattern for black youth is very similar to that for whites. It seems clear from the data in Table 2.27 that a substantial portion of the difference in enrollment rates between white and black youth is attributable to the same factors that produce different distributions according to high school curriculum. The overall differential in enrollment rate between black and white youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who have completed at least one year of high school is 9 percentage points (54 percent versus

5 Cf. Bienstock, op. cit., p. 122. Of students enrolled in the 12th grade in October, 1959, 4.1 percent of those in the college preparatory curriculum, 12.7 percent of those in the vocational and commercial curricula and 18.3 percent of those in the general curriculum did not graduate with their class.

Table 2.27 School Enrollment Status, by Age and High School Curriculum: Males 16-24 Years of Age With Some High School, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Age and school enrollment status | WHITES | | | | | BLACKS | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|---------|------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Vocational | Commercial | College preparatory | General | Total or average | Vocational | Commercial | College preparatory | General | Total or average |
| 16-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 82 | 93 | 96 | 81 | 87 | 77 | 90 | 89 | 79 | 81 |
| Not enrolled | 18 | 7 | 4 | 19 | 13 | 23 | 10 | 11 | 21 | 19 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 347 | 68 | 1,251 | 1,239 | 2,960 | 63 | 21 | 98 | 270 | 461 |
| 18-19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 30 | 35 | 82 | 42 | 60 | 37 | 50 | 78 | 29 | 43 |
| Not enrolled | 70 | 65 | 18 | 58 | 40 | 63 | 50 | 22 | 71 | 57 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 213 | 80 | 1,202 | 1,019 | 2,592 | 39 | 13 | 66 | 158 | 288 |
| 20-24 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 8 | 8 | 51 | 19 | 30 | 16 | 0 | 40 | 11 | 16 |
| Not enrolled | 92 | 92 | 49 | 31 | 70 | 84 | 100 | 60 | 89 | 84 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 363 | 149 | 1,717 | 2,330 | 4,627 | 69 | 15 | 104 | 368 | 575 |
| Total 16-24 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 41 | 35 | 73 | 41 | 54 | 43 | 51 | 67 | 38 | 45 |
| Not enrolled | 59 | 65 | 27 | 59 | 46 | 57 | 49 | 33 | 62 | 55 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 924 | 298 | 4,170 | 4,589 | 10,177 | 171 | 49 | 268 | 796 | 1,324 |

percent). Between blacks and whites from college preparatory high school curricula, the differential, however, is only 6 percentage points (67 percent versus 61 percent) and, between the two color groups from the general curriculum in high school, the differential is only 3 percentage points (41 percent versus 38 percent). In the case of those who pursue a vocational curriculum in high school, the enrollment rate of the blacks is actually very slightly higher than that of the whites (43 percent versus 41 percent).

Health Condition

The relationship between health and enrollment status is a rather complex one, which at the moment, we are unable to explain (Table 2.28). In the entire age group 16-24, those who report no health problem that affects their school, work, or other activity are slightly more likely to be enrolled than those who have some problem. In the case of the whites, the difference is only 2 percentage points (51 percent versus 49 percent) and, in the case of the blacks, it is 4 percentage points (43 percent versus 39 percent). For both color groups, however, there is a fairly substantial difference among the 18 and 19 year olds. White youth in this age category with no health problems have an enrollment rate of 58 percent, compared with 51 percent for those with problems. For blacks, the differential is even larger: an enrollment rate of 43 percent for those with no health problems and 29 percent for those reporting some health limitation. Why the differences should be pronounced among the youth in their late teens and scarcely observable among those in their earlier teens and twenties is by no means clear. As has been indicated, there are other respects in which the health variable behaves differently. It is hoped that our continued exploration of the behavior of this variable will shed some light on the results that have been reported here.

SUMMARY

There are very dramatic differences between white and black youth with respect to a large number of socioeconomic variables that may be expected to have profound effects on labor market experience and behavior. Blacks are more likely than whites to grow up in rural farm areas and in large cities rather than in smaller towns or suburbs. They are much more likely than whites to have lived with both their natural parents. On all measures of whatever indicator of socioeconomic status one chooses to use, blacks fall far below whites. As a result, black youth are considerably less likely than white youth to be enrolled in school. If enrolled, they are less likely than whites to be in the college preparatory curriculum compared with whites, are not quite so advanced in grade relative to whites. Among young men not enrolled in school, blacks are considerably less likely than whites to be married. They have completed fewer years of school, on the average, than whites, and are also less likely to have

Table 2.28 School Enrollment Status, by Age and Effect of Health on Activity: Males 16-24 Years of Age, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Age and school enrollment status | WHITES | | | BLACKS | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | Does not limit activity | Limits activity | Total or average | Does not limit activity | Limits activity | Total or average |
| 16-17 | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 84 | 84 | 84 | 77 | 77 | 77 |
| Not enrolled | 16 | 16 | 16 | 23 | 23 | 23 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 2,623 | 424 | 3,074 | 452 | 56 | 510 |
| 18-19 | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 58 | 51 | 56 | 40 | 29 | 38 |
| Not enrolled | 42 | 49 | 44 | 60 | 71 | 62 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 2,192 | 532 | 2,733 | 287 | 31 | 321 |
| 20-24 | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 27 | 28 | 27 | 14 | 10 | 13 |
| Not enrolled | 73 | 72 | 73 | 86 | 90 | 87 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 4,223 | 768 | 5,033 | 638 | 79 | 719 |
| Total 16-24 | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 51 | 49 | 51 | 10 | 36 | 39 |
| Not enrolled | 49 | 51 | 49 | 60 | 64 | 61 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

vocational training outside the formal educational system. Moreover, training that black youth receive is less likely than that of white youth to be for white-collar work.

The factors that are related to a young man's enrollment status are substantially the same for whites and blacks. The father's occupation has a marked influence not only on whether a young man goes on to college, but on whether he completes high school. The type of community in which a youngster grows up also is important. Those with rural backgrounds are much less likely to be enrolled in school than those from urban areas. A youth who has grown up in a home with both natural parents present is more likely to be enrolled than one who has lived in a "broken" home. The cultural environment in which the youth has grown up, as measured by the amount of reading material in the home, bears a strong relationship to the young man's enrollment status, as does the high school curriculum in which he was enrolled. The youth in a college preparatory curriculum is not only more likely than one in the general or vocational curriculum to go on to college, but he is also less likely to drop out of school before receiving his high school diploma. Finally, among white youth, white Americans are less likely to remain in school than those of other nationalities. Needless to say, there are substantial intercorrelations among these variables, and the independent influence that each of them exerts cannot be ascertained until a multivariate analysis is made.

It is highly important to note that much, if not all, of the color difference in enrollment ratios appears to be a reflection of differences between the two color groups with respect to some of the mentioned underlying variables. For instance, among families headed by white-collar workers, black and white youth are equally likely to be enrolled; among blue-collar families the enrollment ratio of blacks is slightly less than that of whites. In view of the grossness of the national categories and the known differences between blacks and whites in occupational structure within each of the major categories, it is entirely possible that if one could control completely for occupation, whether the enrollment rates of black youth would be as high as, or even higher than, those of white.

LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Of the approximately 16 million young men 14 to 24 years of age in civilian noninstitutional population in 1966, 69 percent are estimated, on the basis of our survey, to have been in the labor force in the autumn of that year. About 10.3 million were employed and 0.8 million were unemployed, an unemployment rate of 7.5 percent. These estimates produced by our longitudinal study (IGS) differ rather substantially from the official estimates yielded for the same age group of young men by the recent Population Survey (CPS). Specifically, the IGS estimates of both employment and unemployment are higher than those of the CPS, by about 2.1 million in the case of the former and somewhat over 0.3 million in the case of the latter--differences far too large to be reasonably attributable to sampling variation. The pattern of these differences between students and nonstudents and among different age groups, as well as the possible reasons for them, are explored in Appendix E. In this chapter we describe the labor force and employment status of the young men as registered by the longitudinal survey, and seek to uncover the correlates of labor force participation and unemployment.

VARIATION IN LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION

The ages 14 to 24 include a very substantial range in the development and maturation of a young man, particularly from the standpoint of participation in productive economic activity. In the early teens, youth is typically just beginning his secondary education; rarely does he have financial responsibilities. Even if he wants to work at all regularly, the vast majority of jobs in the economy are closed to him because of his lack of skills and because of legal impediments such as compulsory school attendance laws and child labor laws. By his late twenties, on the other hand, the typical young man has left school, is married, and is working full time.

In addition to the obvious variation by age, there is also considerable variation within narrow age categories in the extent of labor market participation. Among this age group of males, unlike those who are older, there is a considerable element of discretion in labor market activity. Even among the oldest of the cohort, school is not an uncommon activity, and students, even of this age, can remain outside the labor force without

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sacrificing respectability. On the other hand, there are opportunities for even the youngest students in the age category to work for pay, and many of them do so with greater or lesser regularity. Thus, it is interesting to inquire what characteristics of young men are associated with the likelihood of their being in the labor force.

School Enrollment Status, Age, and Color

It comes as no surprise that the school enrollment status of male youth shows a stronger relationship to labor force participation than any other single factor we have investigated (Table 3.1). For the total age group, the participation rate is 52 percent for students as opposed to 96 percent for those out of school. This relationship prevails for all age categories, although to somewhat different degrees; among those 22-24 years of age, the difference in participation rates for students and nonstudents is about 28 percentage points, which is smaller than for any other age category. The general pattern is the same for both whites and blacks. Among the latter, the participation rate of students is only half that of nonstudents; but of those 22-24 years of age, the difference is less than 10 percentage points.

Age As is implied by the foregoing, age also has a strong influence on labor force participation. For the total cohort of young men, there is a rather smooth rise in the rate, from 42 percent for those 14-15 years old to 93 percent for the 22-24 year age group (Table 3.1). Among students the rate rises from 41 percent for the 14-15 year olds to 71 percent for those 22-24 years of age. This increase is not continuous, however. The 20-21 year olds have a rate about 4 percentage points below those 18-19. As will be seen below, this probably reflects the lower participation by college students relative to high school students. In the case of youth not enrolled in school, there is a continuous increase from 91 percent for the 16-17 year age group to 98 percent for the 22-24 year olds. Those 14-15 years of age who are out of school are so few in number that the estimate of their labor force participation rate is unreliable. By and large, the relationship between age and labor force participation is similar for black youth.

Color The overall participation rates of white and black male youth are virtually identical, at about 69 percent (Table 3.1). However, when age is controlled, rather pronounced differences appear. Through age 19, the participation rates of the two groups are practically the same. In the 20-21 and 22-24 year age groups, however, the rates for blacks are higher than those for whites by about 7 and 4 percentage points respectively. When school enrollment status is controlled, as well as age, it turns out that the higher rates for black, as compared with white youth, in their early twenties are attributable primarily to their much lower rate of school attendance. Of men in their twenties who are enrolled in school, it is true that blacks have higher participation rates than whites. But among the much larger proportion of the age group who are not in school, the whites have the higher participation rates. To sta

| School enrollment status and age | WHITES | | BLACKS | | TOTAL | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate |
| Enrolled in school | | | | | | |
| 14-15 | 3,142 | 42 | 467 | 40 | 3,610 | 41 |
| 16-17 | 2,589 | 56 | 394 | 53 | 2,983 | 55 |
| 18-19 | 1,545 | 60 | 123 | 42 | 1,667 | 58 |
| 20-21 | 739 | 54 | 54 | 58 | 793 | 54 |
| 22-24 | 629 | 69 | 41 | 90 | 670 | 71 |
| Total 14-24 | 8,644 | 52 | 1,078 | 48 | 9,723 | 52 |
| Not enrolled in school | | | | | | |
| 14-15 | 64 | 68 | 24 | 85 | 87 | 72 |
| 16-17 | 485 | 92 | 116 | 85 | 601 | 91 |
| 18-19 | 1,188 | 92 | 198 | 92 | 1,386 | 92 |
| 20-21 | 1,249 | 97 | 259 | 95 | 1,509 | 97 |
| 22-24 | 2,416 | 98 | 365 | 97 | 2,781 | 98 |
| Total 14-24 | 5,402 | 96 | 963 | 94 | 6,364 | 96 |
| Total age group | | | | | | |
| 14-15 | 3,206 | 42 | 491 | 42 | 3,697 | 42 |
| 16-17 | 3,074 | 62 | 510 | 60 | 3,584 | 61 |
| 18-19 | 2,733 | 74 | 321 | 73 | 3,053 | 74 |
| 20-21 | 1,988 | 81 | 313 | 89 | 2,302 | 82 |
| 22-24 | 3,045 | 92 | 406 | 96 | 3,451 | 93 |
| Total 14-24 | 14,046 | 69 | 2,041 | 69 | 16,087 | 69 |

all this in another way, the color differentials in labor force participation among those not in school are small, but rather consistently in the direction of higher rates for whites. Among students, black teenagers have lower rates than whites, but the relationship is reversed for those in their early twenties.

Variation in Rates among Students

Since school enrollment status makes such a substantial difference in the labor force status of young men, it is desirable to separate students and nonstudents for purposes of further analysis. We turn our attention first to young men enrolled in school and inquire what factors are associated with their labor force participation.

Age and year of school It appears, at least in the case of whites, that age and year in school have independent effects on whether students are in the labor market (Table 3.2). Within each educational category, labor force participation increases with increasing age. However, age for age, college students have substantially lower rates than high school students. For example, among white high school seniors 14-17 years of age, the participation rate is 59 percent as compared with 44 percent for the same age group in the first three years of college. Similarly, the 18-24 year age group of high school seniors (almost all of whom are 18-19 years old) have a rate that is 9 percentage points higher than that of the 18 and 19 year olds who are in the first three years of college. Thus, college students, despite their greater age, are less likely to be in the labor force than high school seniors. Moreover, students in their senior year of college or in graduate work are less likely to be in the labor market than those in their first three years of college. Because of the small numbers of black youth in some of the age-educational attainment categories, the pattern among them is not so clear as in the case of the white.

Educational plans of high school students The greater tendency of high school students than of college students to be in the labor force is presaged by the fact that college-bound high school students have lower labor force participation rates than their counterparts who do not plan to continue their education (Table 3.3). White students, 14-17 years of age, who aspire to go to college have a participation rate of 47 percent as compared with 51 percent for those who do not, and the difference is even greater in the case of the black youth. There are corresponding differences in the labor force participation of white youth 14-17 years old according to the high school curriculum in which they are enrolled (Table 3.4). Those in the college preparatory curriculum have lower rates than those in general, vocational, or commercial curricula. This relationship, however, does not hold for black students.

ble 3.2 Labor Force Participation Rates, by Year of School Attending
and Age: Male Students 14-24 Years of Age, by Color

| Year of school attending and age | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week |
| 8 or less | | | | |
| Total 14-24 | 232 | 18 | 102 | 46 |
| 9-11 | | | | |
| 14-15 | 2,895 | 44 | 382 | 39 |
| 16-24 | 1,081 | 57 | 232 | 50 |
| Total 14-24 | 3,977 | 47 | 617 | 44 |
| 12 | | | | |
| 14-17 | 1,169 | 59 | 130 | 52 |
| 18-24 | 172 | 67 | 34 | 62 |
| Total 14-24 | 1,342 | 60 | 165 | 54 |
| 13-15 | | | | |
| 14-17 | 425 | 44 | 34 | 59 |
| 18-19 | 1,287 | 58 | 72 | 33 |
| 20-24 | 604 | 70 | 56 | 75 |
| Total 14-24 | 2,317 | 59 | 162 | 54 |
| 16 or more | | | | |
| 14-21 | 378 | 43 | 15 | 33 |
| 22-24 | 399 | 64 | 19 | 84 |
| Total 14-24 | 776 | 54 | 34 | 62 |
| Total or average | | | | |
| 14-15 | 3,142 | 41 | 467 | 40 |
| 16-17 | 2,589 | 56 | 394 | 53 |
| 18-19 | 1,545 | 60 | 123 | 42 |
| 20-21 | 739 | 54 | 54 | 58 |
| 22-24 | 629 | 69 | 41 | 90 |
| Total 14-24 | 8,644 | 52 | 1,078 | 48 |

Table 3.3 Current Labor Force Participation Rates, by Educational Goal: Male Students 14-17 Years of Age, by Color

| Educational goal | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week |
| Complete high school or less | 1,427 | 51 | 292 | 52 |
| Enter college | 4,246 | 47 | 566 | 43 |
| Total or average | 5,731 | 48 | 861 | 46 |

How does one explain these consistent differences between college and high school students and, indeed, between high school students destined for college and those who are not? One plausible explanation is that those who attend or plan to enter college are from higher income families, and that their lower participation results simply from their greater financial resources. Another explanation is that those who are college bound, as well as those already in college, are more serious students and, therefore, less willing to jeopardize their scholastic standing by working. Finally, it is possible that differences in social status between the two groups create different propensities to seek work outside of school.

Marital status By far the most influential determinant of the labor market activity of students is their marital status (Table 3.5). In every age category containing married males, the participation rate of those who are married and living with their wives is substantially greater than that of all others (over 95 percent of whom are "never married"). For example, among whites 22-24 years of age, 82 percent of the former as contrasted with 60 percent of the latter are in the labor force. (The number of black students who are married is too small for reliable estimates.) The higher participation rates of married students prevail irrespective of whether their wives are employed. Although there is only a small number of cases in which the wife of a student is not employed, in no such case is the husband not in the labor force.

Family income From an examination of white male students between the ages of 14 and 24, it would appear that labor force participation varies inversely with family income. The rate declines more or less regularly from 57 percent of those in families whose incomes are under

Table 3.4 Labor Force Participation Rates, by Age and High School Curriculum: Male Students 14-17 Years of Age Enrolled in High School or College, by Color

| Age and high school curriculum | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week |
| 14-15 | | | | |
| Vocational | 170 | 59 | 35 | 35 |
| Commercial | 78 | 62 | 9 | 33 |
| College preparatory | 1,273 | 40 | 90 | 37 |
| General | 1,244 | 44 | 237 | 40 |
| Total or average | 2,915 | 44 | 384 | 39 |
| 16-17 | | | | |
| Vocational | 285 | 64 | 49 | 54 |
| Commercial | 63 | 64 | 19 | 11 |
| College preparatory | 1,198 | 47 | 87 | 58 |
| General | 1,000 | 64 | 214 | 51 |
| Total or average | 2,584 | 56 | 376 | 52 |
| Total 14-17 | | | | |
| Vocational | 455 | 62 | 84 | 47 |
| Commercial | 141 | 62 | 28 | 18 |
| College preparatory | 2,471 | 43 | 177 | 48 |
| General | 2,244 | 53 | 451 | 45 |
| Total or average | 5,499 | 49 | 760 | 46 |

Table 3.5 Labor Force Participation Rates, by Age, Marital Status and Employment Status of Wife: Male Students 18-24 Years of Age, by Color

| Age, marital status and employment status of wife | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week |
| 18-19 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 56 | 92 | 1 | 100 |
| Working | 47 | 90 | 1 | 100 |
| Not working | 9 | 100 | 0 | --- |
| Other | 1,489 | 58 | 122 | 41 |
| Total or average | 1,545 | 60 | 123 | 42 |
| 20-21 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 74 | 93 | 6 | 60 |
| Working | 48 | 90 | 1 | --- |
| Not working | 26 | 100 | 2 | 50 |
| Other | 665 | 50 | 48 | 58 |
| Total or average | 739 | 54 | 54 | 58 |
| 22-24 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 274 | 82 | 18 | 92 |
| Working | 220 | 78 | 11 | 87 |
| Not working | 49 | 100 | 7 | 100 |
| Other | 355 | 60 | 22 | 88 |
| Total or average | 629 | 69 | 41 | 90 |
| Total 18-24 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 404 | 85 | 25 | 84 |
| Working | 315 | 82 | 13 | 81 |
| Not working | 84 | 100 | 9 | 89 |
| Other | 2,509 | 56 | 192 | 51 |
| Total or average | 2,913 | 60 | 218 | 55 |

\$4,000 to 49 percent of those in families with incomes of \$10,000 or more (Table 3.6). But this relationship probably confounds a number of diverse influences. In the oldest age category, the family whose income is reported frequently consists of the young man and his wife who are living alone; in the youngest category, the family almost always comprises the youngsters, his parents, and siblings.

To avoid the contaminating effects of differences in age, level of schooling, and marital status, one can focus on the students 14-17 years of age. This is a reasonably homogeneous group from the point of view that almost all are in high school, unmarried, and living with their parents. Their own contribution to family income, even when working, is generally minimal. Among whites in this category, contrary to expectation, labor force participation of the youngster is independent of the income of the family. The range of rates is only 4 percentage points--from 47 percent to 51 percent--and even this very limited variation is not systematic with respect to income. In the case of black youth, the rate shows more variation, but behaves quite erratically with respect to income. However, the participation rate of those in families with annual incomes of \$6,000 or more is 10 percentage points lower than that in families with lower incomes.

Local unemployment rate The labor force participation of male students appears to be strongly sensitive to the rate of unemployment in the local labor market area. In all age groups, and for both white and black youth, participation in the labor market is much less likely where unemployment rates are high than where they are low (Table 3.7). For the age cohort as a whole, the participation rates of white students are 56 percent in areas where 1960 unemployment rates were under 4.2 percent and 43 percent in areas where 1960 unemployment exceeded 6.2 percent. Among blacks, the corresponding participation rates are 49 percent and 38 percent. These differences suggest a rather pronounced discouraged worker effect among youth enrolled in school.¹

1 Cf. William G. Bowen and T.A. Finegan, "Labor Force Participation and Unemployment" in Arthur M. Ross (ed.), Employment Policy and the Labor Market (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1965), pp. 138-142. Another labor market variable used by Bowen and Finegan in their analysis of the factors affecting labor force participation of teenage males was an "index of demand," that is, the percentage of civilian employment in the area accounted for by agriculture and retail trade. These are the two industries which, nationally, employ the largest concentrations of teenage males. In their multiple regression analysis, Bowen and Finegan found a significant positive relationship between this index and labor force participation. In the present study, when PSU's are divided into those with high and those with low levels of demand for teenage employment, no difference in the labor force participation of teenage students is found.

Table 3.6 Labor Force Participation Rates, by Age and Total Family Income in Previous 12 Months: Male Students 14-24 Years of Age, by Color

| Age and total family income | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week |
| 14-17 | | | | |
| Less than \$4,000 | 592 | 49 | 385 | 48 |
| \$4,000-5,999 | 817 | 51 | 182 | 54 |
| \$6,000-7,499 | 830 | 48 | 86 | 38 |
| \$7,500-9,999 | 1,202 | 47 | 100 | 48 |
| \$10,000 and over | 1,957 | 48 | 64 | 41 |
| Total or average | 5,731 | 48 | 861 | 46 |
| 18-19 | | | | |
| Less than \$4,000 | 141 | 78 | 41 | 42 |
| \$4,000-5,999 | 145 | 54 | 21 | 45 |
| \$6,000-7,499 | 172 | 61 | 13 | 50 |
| \$7,500-9,999 | 290 | 70 | 20 | 50 |
| \$10,000 and over | 692 | 53 | 20 | 35 |
| Total or average | 1,545 | 60 | 123 | 42 |
| 20-24 | | | | |
| Less than \$4,000 | 150 | 69 | 19 | 63 |
| \$4,000-5,999 | 89 | 67 | 12 | 91 |
| \$6,000-7,499 | 157 | 74 | 6 | 0 |
| \$7,500-9,999 | 192 | 61 | 19 | 95 |
| \$10,000 and over | 556 | 49 | 36 | 69 |
| Total or average | 1,368 | 61 | 95 | 72 |
| Total 14-24 | | | | |
| Less than \$4,000 | 884 | 57 | 446 | 48 |
| \$4,000-5,999 | 1,124 | 54 | 215 | 55 |
| \$6,000-7,499 | 1,158 | 54 | 105 | 37 |
| \$7,500-9,999 | 1,684 | 52 | 139 | 50 |
| \$10,000 and over | 1,404 | 49 | 120 | 44 |
| Total or average | 8,644 | 52 | 1,078 | 48 |

Table 3.7 Labor Force Participation Rates, by Age and PSU Unemployment Rate in 1960: Male Students 14-24 Years of Age, by Color

| Age and PSU unemployment rate in 1960 | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week |
| 14-17 | | | | |
| Less than 4.2 percent | 1,377 | 53 | 215 | 46 |
| 4.2-6.2 percent | 3,088 | 48 | 514 | 48 |
| More than 6.2 percent | 1,266 | 44 | 133 | 37 |
| Total or average | 5,731 | 48 | 861 | 46 |
| 18-19 | | | | |
| Less than 4.2 percent | 401 | 64 | 36 | 43 |
| 4.2-6.2 percent | 856 | 55 | 66 | 44 |
| More than 6.2 percent | 288 | 37 | 20 | 32 |
| Total or average | 1,545 | 60 | 123 | 42 |
| 20-24 | | | | |
| Less than 4.2 percent | 310 | 60 | 22 | 93 |
| 4.2-6.2 percent | 823 | 66 | 53 | 73 |
| More than 6.2 percent | 235 | 45 | 20 | 44 |
| Total or average | 1,368 | 61 | 95 | 72 |
| Total 14-24 | | | | |
| Less than 4.2 percent | 2,089 | 56 | 273 | 49 |
| 4.2-6.2 percent | 4,767 | 54 | 633 | 50 |
| More than 6.2 percent | 1,789 | 43 | 173 | 38 |
| Total or average | 8,644 | 52 | 1,078 | 48 |

Variation in Rates among Youth Not Enrolled in School

As would be expected, young men who are not enrolled in school are far more homogeneous in labor force status than those who are in school. Nevertheless, almost 5 percent of the total age group out of school are not in the labor force, and there are a number of variables that discriminate between those who are and those who are not.

Age and educational attainment The increasing rate of labor force participation with age already has been pointed out. Table 3.8 indicates that, except for the generally lower participation rates of men with eight or fewer years of school, there is no consistent relationship between educational attainment and labor force participation. For the total age group of whites, those with less than nine years of school have a labor force participation rate of 90 percent; all other educational attainment categories range between 96 percent (those with 16 or more years) and 98 percent (those with 13-15 years).

On theoretical grounds, one would expect labor force participation to be positively correlated with educational attainment for at least three reasons. First, education should be positively related to potential earnings, which in turn may be expected to be positively related to labor force participation.² Second, one would expect an inverse relationship between education and long-term unemployment (and, therefore, withdrawal from the labor force). Third, the higher the education attainment, the greater the psychic rewards of working, which should lead to higher participation rates. The failure to find a positive relation between educational attainment and labor force participation may result from hidden correlations. Since one expects a positive association between nonlabor income and educational status, and since there are theoretical reasons for expecting nonlabor income to be negatively related to labor force participation, we may obtain a positive relationship between education and labor force participation when we control for total family income, excluding the earned income of the respondent.

Among black youth, the relationship between education and labor force participation is in the expected direction, except that those with less than nine years of schooling have higher participation rates than those with 9 to 11 years of school. It is noteworthy that the somewhat lower overall participation rate of blacks than of whites (2 percentage points) is to some degree the result of differences between the two races in educational attainment. At both ends of the educational attainment

² We recognize that higher wage rates may have an income effect as well as a substitution effect. However, we agree with Bowen and Finegan that when labor supply is measured on an "all-or-nothing" basis by the labor force participation rate (rather than by number of hours), it is reasonable to believe that the substitution effect will predominate. See Bowen and Finegan, op.cit., p. 120n.

Table 3.8

Labor Force Participation Rates, by Age and Highest Year of School Completed: Males 14-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color

| Age and highest year of school completed | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week |
| -17 | | | | |
| 8 or less | 153 | 74 | 50 | 84 |
| 9-11 | 187 | 91 | 66 | 86 |
| 12 | 209 | 98 | 24 | 88 |
| Total | 549 | 89 | 140 | 84 |
| -19 | | | | |
| 8 or less | 141 | 88 | 33 | 86 |
| 9-11 | 276 | 94 | 75 | 89 |
| 12 or more | 772 | 93 | 91 | 98 |
| Total | 1,188 | 93 | 198 | 92 |
| -21 | | | | |
| 8 or less | 175 | 100 | 66 | 96 |
| 9-11 | 286 | 98 | 85 | 98 |
| 12 | 566 | 98 | 88 | 90 |
| 13 or more | 223 | 93 | 21 | 100 |
| Total | 1,249 | 97 | 259 | 95 |
| -24 | | | | |
| 8 or less | 231 | 92 | 79 | 99 |
| 9-11 | 439 | 100 | 97 | 90 |
| 12 | 1,111 | 99 | 150 | 97 |
| 13-15 | 321 | 99 | 25 | 100 |
| 16 or more | 315 | 98 | 15 | 100 |
| Total | 2,416 | 98 | 365 | 97 |
| total 14-24 | | | | |
| 8 or less | 699 | 90 | 227 | 92 |
| 9-11 | 1,188 | 97 | 323 | 91 |
| 12 | 2,573 | 97 | 346 | 96 |
| 13-15 | 607 | 98 | 46 | 100 |
| 16 or more | 335 | 96 | 21 | 100 |
| Total | 5,402 | 96 | 963 | 94 |

continuum, the participation of blacks is higher than that of whites, and among those with high school diplomas the rate for blacks is only 1 percentage point below that of the whites. Only among the high school dropouts is the participation rate of blacks considerably lower than that of whites.

The reasons for the difference between the two color groups in the relationship between education and labor market activity cannot be specified without further analysis. It seems likely, however, that the substantial difference between whites and blacks in the participation rates of the most poorly educated may be attributed to differences in physical and mental capacity. It seems reasonable to hypothesize that those whites who have not gone beyond elementary school include a larger proportion of mentally or physically incapacitated than the corresponding group of blacks. For the latter, economic and social factors are more likely to account for such early termination of education.

Health and physical condition Among young men not enrolled in school, there is a strong relationship between labor force participation and health or physical condition (Table 3.9). White youth with some health problems have a participation rate of 90 percent, compared with 97 percent for those with no such problems. This relationship prevails in all age categories, but becomes attenuated with increasing age. Among the 20-24 year age group, the difference in participation rates between those with health problems and those without is only 4 percentage points. In the case of blacks, although the same relationship exists for the total group, it is not consistent among all age groups. Among those 18-19 years old, those with health limitations show higher participation rates than those without.

Marital status Irrespective of age, marital status is related to labor force participation (Table 3.10). Among white youth 18-19 years old, the difference in participation rates between those who are married and living with their wives and all others is 10 percentage points. This drops to 5 points for those 20-21 and those 22-24. In all three age groups, the participation rate of married men stands at 100 percent. Among the blacks, the pattern is very much the same as among the whites: the difference in participation rates between married and unmarried men exists in all age categories, but is smallest among the oldest. The very sharp differences in labor force participation between married and unmarried men may help to account for the rapid decline in unemployment rates between the late teens and early twenties. Since those continuously in the labor force are likely to experience less frictional unemployment than those who move in and out, the fact that the proportion of married men increases with age thus would account for at least part of the decline in the unemployment rate as age increases.

ble 3.9 Labor Force Participation Rates, by Age and Effect of Health on Activity: Males 14-24 Years of Age, Not Enrolled in School, by Color

| Age and effect of health on activity | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week |
| 14-17 | | | | |
| Does not limit activity | 462 | 92 | 124 | 90 |
| Limits activity | 84 | 70 | 14 | 57 |
| Total or average | 549 | 89 | 140 | 84 |
| 18-19 | | | | |
| Does not limit activity | 922 | 94 | 174 | 92 |
| Limits activity | 261 | 86 | 22 | 96 |
| Total or average | 1,188 | 93 | 198 | 92 |
| 20-24 | | | | |
| Does not limit activity | 3,084 | 99 | 551 | 99 |
| Limits activity | 549 | 95 | 71 | 73 |
| Total or average | 3,665 | 98 | 624 | 96 |
| Total 14-24 | | | | |
| Does not limit activity | 4,467 | 97 | 849 | 97 |
| Limits activity | 894 | 90 | 107 | 73 |
| Total or average | 5,402 | 96 | 963 | 94 |

Table 3.10 Labor Force Participation Rates, by Age, Marital Status and Employment Status of Wife: Males 18-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color

| Age, marital status and employment status of wife | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, survey week |
| 18-19 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 292 | 100 | 38 | 97 |
| Working | 151 | 100 | 17 | 100 |
| Not working | 117 | 100 | 18 | 95 |
| Other | 896 | 90 | 161 | 91 |
| Total or average | 1,188 | 92 | 198 | 92 |
| 20-21 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 608 | 100 | 92 | 100 |
| Working | 333 | 100 | 40 | 100 |
| Not working | 253 | 100 | 40 | 100 |
| Other | 641 | 95 | 167 | 92 |
| Total or average | 1,249 | 97 | 259 | 95 |
| 22-24 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 1,652 | 100 | 210 | 99 |
| Working | 916 | 100 | 124 | 99 |
| Not working | 685 | 100 | 65 | 98 |
| Other | 765 | 95 | 155 | 94 |
| Total or average | 2,416 | 98 | 365 | 97 |
| Total 18-24 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 2,552 | 100 | 340 | 99 |
| Working | 1,400 | 100 | 181 | 99 |
| Not working | 1,055 | 100 | 123 | 98 |
| Other | 2,302 | 93 | 483 | 92 |
| Total or average | 4,853 | 96 | 822 | 95 |

Local unemployment rate The inverse relationship that has been shown to exist between the unemployment level in the community and the labor force participation rate of male students does not prevail in the case of young men who are not in school. The latter, presumably, are more likely to be working or looking for work regardless of the level of job opportunities, while youth whose principal activity is school are more likely to be lured into the labor market by abundant opportunities or to be discouraged from seeking work by high unemployment. Among the entire cohort of whites, variation in labor force participation ranges only from 96 percent to 95 percent as one moves from the labor markets with the lowest to those of the highest unemployment. Among blacks, inexplicably, the relationship is actually the reverse of that postulated by the discouraged-worker hypothesis. The participation rates range from 96 percent in the areas where 1960 unemployment was under 4.2 percent to 95 percent in those with 1960 unemployment of 6.2 percent or more.³

THE INCIDENCE OF UNEMPLOYMENT

The relatively high unemployment rate of young men is one of the chief symptoms of their labor market problems. Nevertheless, male youth are by no means a homogeneous group from the standpoint of the amount of unemployment they experience. In this section we examine some of the factors that are associated with variations in unemployment rates among them.

School Enrollment Status, Age and Color

With some exceptions, unemployment rates of male youth tend to vary systematically according to school enrollment status, color, and age. Except for those 14-15 years old, students in all age categories experience a much higher rate of unemployment than those not enrolled in school (table 3.11). Among both those in and out of school, the rate is higher for blacks than for whites. Within the total age group of whites the unemployment rate is 11.9 percent for students, but only 3.0 percent for nonstudents. In comparison, black students have a rate of 18.5 percent contrasted with 5.5 percent for nonstudents.

Unemployment decreases with advancing age, but the relationship is not smooth; the rate drops precipitously beyond a certain age that differs between students and nonstudents. For students, regardless of color, a sharp drop occurs between the teens and the early twenties: from 13.0 percent to 4.0 percent in the case of white students and from 18.5 percent to 3.2 percent for the black.

³ As in the case of students, participation of teenage youth not enrolled in school is not systematically related to our "index of demand" for teenage labor (see footnote 1, page 57).

Table 3.11 Unemployment Rates, by School Enrollment Status and Age: Males 14-24 Years of Age in the Labor Force, by Color

| School enrollment status and age | WHITES | | BLACKS | | TOTAL | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed |
| Enrolled in school | | | | | | |
| 14-15 | 1,312 | 14.9 | 185 | 17.3 | 1,496 | 15.2 |
| 16-17 | 1,445 | 12.9 | 209 | 23.9 | 1,654 | 14.3 |
| 18-19 | 919 | 13.4 | 52 | 21.2 | 971 | 13.8 |
| 20-21 | 400 | 4.0 | 31 | 3.2 | 432 | 4.2 |
| 22-24 | 436 | 3.7 | 36 | 2.8 | 473 | 3.6 |
| Total 14-24 | 4,512 | 11.9 | 513 | 18.5 | 5,026 | 12.6 |
| Not enrolled in school | | | | | | |
| 14-15 | 43 | 27.9 | 20 | 15.0 | 63 | 23.8 |
| 16-17 | 447 | 8.3 | 98 | 16.3 | 545 | 9.7 |
| 18-19 | 1,099 | 4.2 | 184 | 7.6 | 1,283 | 4.7 |
| 20-21 | 1,216 | 3.0 | 246 | 2.4 | 1,463 | 2.9 |
| 22-24 | 2,374 | 1.0 | 353 | 3.1 | 2,729 | 1.3 |
| Total 14-24 | 5,179 | 3.0 | 902 | 5.5 | 6,083 | 3.4 |
| Total age group | | | | | | |
| 14-15 | 1,355 | 15.4 | 205 | 17.1 | 1,560 | 15.6 |
| 16-17 | 1,890 | 11.7 | 308 | 21.4 | 2,198 | 13.1 |
| 18-19 | 2,019 | 8.4 | 234 | 10.3 | 2,253 | 8.6 |
| 20-21 | 1,616 | 3.3 | 277 | 2.5 | 1,894 | 3.2 |
| 22-24 | 2,811 | 1.4 | 391 | 3.3 | 3,201 | 1.6 |
| Total 14-24 | 9,691 | 7.2 | 1,415 | 10.2 | 11,107 | 7.5 |

Among those not enrolled in school, the dividing line between very high and moderately low unemployment rates occurs at an earlier age. Youth 14-17 years of age have much higher rates than those in their late teens and early twenties. In the case of whites, the unemployment rate drops from 10.0 percent for those 14-17 to 4.2 percent for those 18-19. To a considerable extent this doubtless reflects the higher proportion of high school dropouts among the younger age category.

The unemployment rate for black teenagers is greater than that of white, regardless of school enrollment status. In contrast, there is very little difference in unemployment rates between white and black youth in their early twenties. The rate for those 20-24 years of age is less than 4.0 percent for students and nonstudents alike, regardless of color.

Occupation and Industry

Among both students and those not enrolled in school, there are systematic occupational differences in unemployment rates that are somewhat similar to those which prevail for the total experienced labor force in the United States. Operatives and nonfarm laborers have the highest rates; professional and technical, and managerial workers, the lowest (Table 3.12). Students have higher unemployment rates in all occupational categories than those not enrolled in school, and the differences are substantial except in the case of professional and managerial workers. Among white students, there are only two occupational categories (professional-managerial and service) where fewer than 10 percent are unemployed. Among white youth not enrolled in school, all unemployment rates are under 2 percent except for operatives (3.9 percent) and nonfarm laborers (11.4 percent). In the case of black youth, numbers permit reliable comparisons of students and nonstudents only in the operative, laborer, service, and farm categories. In each of these, unemployment rates for students are at least four times as high as for nonstudents, except in the case of laborers, where they are over twice as great.

Industrial variation in the incidence of unemployment is not as great as the variation by occupation (Table 3.13). Among white youth not enrolled in school, the range is from a high of 4.5 percent in construction to a low of 2.0 percent in a miscellaneous category that includes mining, transportation and communications, and finance, insurance, and real estate. In the case of white students, except for construction (29.8 percent), the range is from 9.1 percent (services) to 16.4 percent (manufacturing).

Marital Status

The probability of unemployment among young men seems to be related to their marital status, but the relationship is less consistent for those not enrolled in school than for students (Table 3.14). In the case of students, married youth have lower unemployment rates than their

Table 3.12 Unemployment Rates, by School Enrollment Status and Major Occupation Group: Males 14-24 Years of Age in the Labor Force, by Color

| Major occupation group | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed |
| Enrolled in school | | | | |
| Professional, technical, nonfarm managers, and proprietors | 548 | 2.4 | 26 | 0.0 |
| Clerical | 519 | 10.8 | 38 | 18.4 |
| Sales | 500 | 12.6 | 32 | 15.6 |
| Craftsmen and foremen | 244 | 13.9 | 18 | 22.2 |
| Operatives | 627 | 21.0 | 56 | 26.8 |
| Nonfarm laborers | 833 | 17.2 | 117 | 24.8 |
| Service | 755 | 6.9 | 138 | 18.8 |
| Farmers, farm managers, and farm laborers | 440 | 10.0 | 82 | 9.8 |
| Total or average | 4,512 | 11.9 | 513 | 18.5 |
| Not enrolled in school | | | | |
| Professional, technical, nonfarm managers, and proprietors | 665 | 1.4 | 34 | 2.9 |
| Clerical | 465 | 1.3 | 62 | 3.2 |
| Sales | 222 | 1.8 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Craftsmen and foremen | 1,088 | 0.8 | 106 | 2.8 |
| Operatives | 1,658 | 3.9 | 307 | 6.2 |
| Nonfarm laborers | 526 | 11.4 | 181 | 11.0 |
| Service | 261 | 1.1 | 117 | 4.3 |
| Farmers, farm managers, and farm laborers | 254 | 0.0 | 81 | 0.0 |
| Total or average | 5,179 | 3.0 | 902 | 5.5 |

Unemployment Rates, by School Enrollment Status and Major Industry
Division: Males 14-24 Years of Age in the Labor Force, by Color

| Industry Division | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed |
| Enrolled in school | | | | |
| Ag, forestry | 485 | 11.5 | 91 | 16.5 |
| Industries | 198 | 29.8 | 20 | 40.0 |
| Construction | 670 | 16.4 | 55 | 29.1 |
| Mining | 1,570 | 9.9 | 138 | 13.0 |
| including | | | | |
| Administration | 1,372 | 9.1 | 178 | 20.0 |
| | 203 | 16.2 | 30 | 3.3 |
| Average | 4,512 | 11.9 | 513 | 18.5 |
| Not enrolled in school | | | | |
| Ag, forestry | 295 | 2.7 | 106 | 1.0 |
| Industries | 533 | 4.5 | 96 | 9.4 |
| Construction | 2,060 | 2.4 | 315 | 3.8 |
| Mining | 986 | 4.0 | 177 | 6.2 |
| including | | | | |
| Administration | 848 | 2.9 | 151 | 7.3 |
| | 455 | 2.0 | 55 | 10.9 |
| Average | 5,179 | 3.0 | 902 | 5.5 |

includes mining; transportation and communications; and finance,
, and real estate industries.

Table 3.14 Unemployment Rates, by Age, School Enrollment Status, and Marital Status: Males 18-24 Years of Age in the Labor Force, by Color

| Age and marital status | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed |
| Enrolled in school | | | | |
| 18-19 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 52 | 11.5 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Other | 869 | 13.7 | 51 | 21.6 |
| Total or average | 919 | 13.4 | 52 | 21.2 |
| 20-21 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 69 | 0.0 | 4 | 0.0 |
| Other | 330 | 4.8 | 28 | 3.6 |
| Total or average | 400 | 4.0 | 31 | 3.3 |
| 22-24 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 225 | 1.3 | 17 | 0.0 |
| Other | 211 | 6.2 | 19 | 5.3 |
| Total or average | 436 | 3.7 | 36 | 2.8 |
| Total 18-24 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 346 | 2.6 | 22 | 4.5 |
| Other | 1,410 | 10.4 | 98 | 13.3 |
| Total or average | 1,755 | 8.8 | 119 | 11.0 |
| Not enrolled in school | | | | |
| 18-19 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 292 | 1.7 | 36 | 2.8 |
| Other | 807 | 5.1 | 146 | 8.2 |
| Total or average | 1,099 | 4.2 | 184 | 7.6 |
| 20-21 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 607 | 3.6 | 92 | 0.0 |
| Other | 609 | 2.5 | 154 | 3.9 |
| Total or average | 1,216 | 3.0 | 246 | 2.4 |
| 22-24 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 1,650 | 0.9 | 207 | 2.9 |
| Other | 725 | 1.1 | 146 | 3.4 |
| Total or average | 2,374 | 1.0 | 353 | 3.1 |
| Total 18-24 | | | | |
| Married, spouse present | 2,549 | 1.6 | 335 | 2.1 |
| Other | 2,141 | 3.0 | 446 | 5.2 |
| Total or average | 4,689 | 2.3 | 783 | 3.9 |

ried peers; in general, the relationship prevails regardless of age color. Among white students 18-24 years of age, for example, the employment rate is 2.6 percent for those who are married compared with percent for all others. Part of this difference, of course, reflects influence of age, but a substantial portion remains when age is rolled. Among white students 22-24 years of age, the unemployment is 1.3 percent for those who are married and 6.2 percent for those are not.

Among youth not enrolled in school, the relationship between marital status and unemployment depends upon age. In the 20-24 year age group, there is almost no difference between married and unmarried white youth and very little difference in the case of the black. However, among teenagers, regardless of color, married men have lower unemployment rates than those who are not married. The percentage point difference is 3.4 for white youth 18-19 years old and 5.4 for black youth of this age.

Health and Physical Condition

Whether a young man reports a health problem or physical condition that limits his school or work activity in any way might be expected to be related to his unemployment experience, for several reasons. For one thing, the range of employment opportunities open to him would probably be somewhat smaller than for a youth without such limitations. Moreover, he might be somewhat less vigorous in his search for work and somewhat less attractive to potential employers. This expected relationship holds in the case of black youth both in and out of school, but not in the case of white (Table 3.15). Black students with health problems have an unemployment rate of 27.5 percent, compared with a rate of 17.4 percent for those with no health limitation. Among white students, on the other hand, the difference is only 2 percentage points, and in the opposite direction.

3.15 Unemployment Rates, by School Enrollment Status and Effect of Health on Activity: Males 14-24 Years of Age in the Labor Force, by Color

| Effect of health on activity | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed |
| not limit activity has activity or average | Enrolled in school | | | |
| | 3,801 | 12.3 | 461 | 17.4 |
| | 683 | 10.2 | 51 | 27.5 |
| | 4,512 | 11.9 | 513 | 18.5 |
| not limit activity has activity or average | Not enrolled in school | | | |
| | 4,348 | 3.1 | 821 | 5.1 |
| | 802 | 2.4 | 78 | 10.3 |
| | 5,179 | 3.0 | 902 | 5.5 |

In the case of youth not enrolled in school, there is again a difference in the expected direction among black youth. Those with health problems are twice as likely to be unemployed as those without such problems (10.3 percent versus 5.1 percent). In contrast, for the total age group of whites there is no difference in unemployment rate between those who report health problems (2.4 percent) and those who do not (3.1 percent). It is very interesting, however, that a rather strong relationship exists among whites 14-17 years of age. In this age group, youth with health problems have an unemployment rate of 20.3 percent compared to 8.7 percent for those without health problems. Although presently available tabulations do not permit a confident interpretation of this finding, a possible explanation is that white youth under age 18 who are not enrolled in school include a disproportionately high number of individuals with serious mental or physical limitations.

Previous Unemployment

The fact that the incidence of unemployment varies so substantially among persons with different demographic and economic characteristics suggests that unemployment may be a repetitive experience for many who suffer it. The data in Table 3.16 provide strong evidence that this is in fact the case. For both students and nonstudents, and among both color groups, the likelihood of current unemployment increases with the amount of unemployment experienced in the past 12 months. Not much importance can be attached to the fact that current unemployment rate is very much higher for those who have had some unemployment during the past 12 months than for those who have not, since very frequently the same spell of unemployment is involved. But the fact that the current rate is higher for those with two or more spells of unemployment in the past 12 months than for those with only one spell establishes unambiguously the "repeater" phenomenon; those currently unemployed who had at least two spells of unemployment in the past 12 months must have had at least one spell distinct from the current one. The relationship is clear for all groups except the black youth enrolled in school, where small numbers of cases make a confident conclusion impossible.

Educational Attainment and Training

As would be expected, the incidence of unemployment among youth no longer in school decreases as educational attainment increases, but there is a very interesting interaction between number of years of school completed and age (Table 3.17). High school dropouts experience very high rates of unemployment in the period immediately following their departure from school, but the disability, at least as reflected in the unemployment rate, is not a permanent one. For example, white youth between the ages of 14 and 17 who have left high school without a diploma have an unemployment rate of 16.8 percent. In the 18-19 year and the 20-24 year age categories, however, white high school dropouts have unemployment rates of around 2 percent. The much higher rates of the younger teenagers are doubtless due, at least in part, to their ineligibility

er child labor laws for many types of employment, and perhaps also to ir greater liability to the draft. Among blacks the pattern is similar, ept that the relative disability imposed by less than a completed high ol education is longer lasting.

Among young men who left school with eight or fewer years of educa- 1, whites have higher unemployment rates than blacks (6.7 percent ver- 2.9 percent). It will be recalled that white out-of-school youth in : educational attainment category also were less likely than the black e in the labor force. Our hypothesis, relevant to both these relation- os, is that white youth with eight or fewer years of education are more y than the black in this category to have serious mental or physical abilities. Another factor that may be responsible for part of the dif- nce is the larger proportion of black youth than of white youth who de in rural farm areas, where opportunities for employment of those y very limited educations are greater than in urban areas.

ic 3.16 Unemployment Rates, by School Enrollment Status and Number of Spells of Unemployment in Past 12 Months: Males 14-24 Years of Age, in the Labor Force with Work Experience in Past 12 Months, by Color

| Years of employment | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed |
| Enrolled in school | | | | |
| 1 year or more | 4,383 | 6.4 | 374 | 13.4 |
| Less than 1 year | 539 | 25.2 | 70 | 35.7 |
| Al or average | 307 | 36.5 | 43 | 23.2 |
| | 4,446 | 10.8 | 506 | 17.6 |
| Not enrolled in school | | | | |
| 1 year or more | 3,948 | 0.7 | 602 | 1.2 |
| Less than 1 year | 524 | 10.3 | 117 | 12.0 |
| Al or average | 299 | 20.1 | 111 | 22.5 |
| | 5,165 | 2.8 | 807 | 5.4 |

There is limited evidence that unemployment experience of young not enrolled in school is related not only to the amount of educa- they have had, but to the curriculum they pursued in high school (ic 3.18). The analysis is confined to the group 16-19 years of

Table 3.17 Unemployment Rates, by Age and Highest Year of School Completed
Males 14-24 Years of Age in the Labor Force and Not
Enrolled in School, by Color

| Age and highest year of school completed | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed |
| 14-17 | | | | |
| Less than 12 | 285 | 16.8 | 99 | 15.2 |
| 12 | 204 | 0.0 | 21 | 19.0 |
| Total or average | 490 | 10.0 | 118 | 16.1 |
| 18-19 | | | | |
| Less than 12 | 383 | 1.0 | 95 | 12.6 |
| 12 or more | 716 | 6.0 | 89 | 2.2 |
| Total or average | 1,099 | 4.2 | 184 | 7.6 |
| 20-24 | | | | |
| Less than 12 | 1,108 | 3.2 | 312 | 3.8 |
| 12 | 1,653 | 0.7 | 223 | 2.2 |
| 13-15 | 509 | 2.6 | 40 | 0.0 |
| 16 or more | 323 | 0.0 | 21 | 0.0 |
| Total or average | 3,590 | 1.7 | 599 | 2.8 |
| Total 14-24 | | | | |
| Less than 12 | 1,774 | 4.9 | 505 | 7.7 |
| 12 | 2,488 | 1.8 | 330 | 3.3 |
| 13-15 | 593 | 3.7 | 46 | 0.0 |
| 16 or more | 323 | 0.0 | 21 | 0.0 |
| Total or average | 5,179 | 3.0 | 902 | 5.5 |

age who have had some high school in order to control to some extent educational attainment. In other words, most of the group tabulated are high school graduates who have not gone on to college, although high school dropouts also are included, as are some who may have had a year or more of college.

Table 3.18 Unemployment Rates, by High School Curriculum: Males 16-19 Years of Age, in the Labor Force and Not Enrolled in School,⁽¹⁾ by Color

| High school curriculum | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed |
| Vocational | 195 | 4.1 | 36 | 13.9 |
| Commercial | 58 | 0.0 | 9 | 0.0 |
| College preparatory | 253 | 1.6 | 22 | 4.5 |
| General | 781 | 6.9 | 151 | 13.9 |
| Total or average | 1,327 | 4.9 | 228 | 11.8 |

1.) Includes only those respondents who have completed at least one year of high school.

Both white and black youth who had been enrolled in college preparatory courses are less likely to be unemployed than those from most other curricula. Absolute numbers are large enough for comparison in the case of whites who had been in college preparatory, general, and vocational curricula. Those in the college preparatory curriculum have an unemployment rate of only 1.6 percent, compared with about 4 percent for those in the vocational curriculum and around 7 percent for those in the general curriculum. The pattern for blacks is similar.

These differences are almost certainly in part a reflection of differences in educational attainment, since dropout rates are considerably higher among high school students in the college preparatory curriculum than in the other curricula. Nevertheless, careful comparison of the relationship between educational attainment and unemployment and the relationship shown between high school curriculum and unemployment points to the conclusion that the latter is at least in part independent of educational attainment. It seems likely that this relationship reflects a selective process in which academically superior students are more likely to enter the college preparatory high school curriculum, even when they do not go on to college.

Whether a young man has vocational training in addition to his regular schooling also may make some difference in his unemployment experience, although the evidence at this point is not completely consistent (Table 3.19). Teenage whites who have had some training have an unemployment rate almost two points lower than those who have had none. Among whites in their twenties, there is virtually no difference between those who have had one program and those who have had none.

Black youth with some training are only a third as likely to be unemployed as those with none. The respective unemployment rates are 12.3 and 4.0 for those in their teens and 3.6 and 1.2 for those in their twenties. These data are consistent with the hypothesis that the vocational training youth receive outside of regular school tends to reduce the risk of unemployment--more so for teenagers than for those in their twenties, and more so for blacks than for whites.

Methods of Job Search

The methods whereby unemployed male youth seek jobs are not substantially different from those used by the total male labor force. The emphasis is primarily on informal means rather than formal institutions such as employment agencies (Table 3.20). Youth not enrolled in school are less likely than students to rely on a single method of seeking work. Larger proportions of nonstudents use a combination of methods and smaller proportions rely exclusively on contacting employers. Those not enrolled in school also are more likely than students to use the public employment service.

In the case of students, there are no substantial differences between the job-seeking methods of whites and blacks. For both groups the principal method is checking "directly with employers" (about 45 percent). Comparable proportions of both groups--14 percent of whites and 12 percent of blacks--rely on contacting friends or relatives. More formal methods of job search, e.g., the public employment service or the school employment service, are used by about a tenth of each group. About 21 percent of whites and 24 percent of blacks use some combination of these or other methods. In the case of those not enrolled in school, there are some perceptible differences in methods of job search by blacks and whites. The former are much more likely to use a combination of methods and to turn to the public employment service, but are considerably less likely than the whites to rely exclusively on contacting employers.

Restrictions on Availability for Work

Unemployed young men not enrolled in school were asked whether they imposed any locational restrictions on the jobs they were seeking. About two-fifths of the total age group of both whites and blacks impose such restrictions. But there is a substantial difference between teenage youth and those in their early twenties in this respect. Half of the younger group, but only about a third of the older youth, specify restrictions on where they would be willing to take jobs.

Table 3.19 Unemployment Rates, by Age and Extent of Vocational Training: Males 14-24 Years of Age
in the Labor Force and Not Enrolled in School (1), by Color

| Occupational training | 14-19 | | 20-24 | | Total 14-24 | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed | Total number (thousands) | Percent unemployed |
| WHITES | | | | | | |
| None 1 or more programs Total or average | 1,110 | 6.5 | 1,413 | 1.7 | 2,523 | 3.8 |
| | 478 | 4.8 | 2,141 | 2.0 | 2,318 | 2.6 |
| | 1,588 | 5.9 | 3,264 | 1.8 | 4,853 | 3.2 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | |
| None 1 or more programs Total or average | 252 | 12.3 | 417 | 3.6 | 669 | 6.9 |
| | 50 | 4.0 | 161 | 1.2 | 210 | 1.9 |
| | 302 | 10.9 | 580 | 3.1 | 880 | 5.7 |

(1) Excludes college graduates.

Table 3.20 Methods of Looking for Work in Last Four Weeks, by School
Enrollment Status: Unemployed Males 14-24 Years of Age,
by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Method of looking for work | WHITES | BLACKS |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Enrolled in school | | |
| School employment service | 7 | 10 |
| Public employment agency | 3 | 2 |
| Private employment agency | 1 | 2 |
| Directly with employer | 46 | 45 |
| Places or answers ads. | 8 | 5 |
| Friends or relatives | 14 | 12 |
| Other or combinations | 21 | 24 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 538 | 95 |
| Not enrolled in school | | |
| School employment service | 6 | 0 |
| Public employment agency | 10 | 16 |
| Private employment agency | 3 | 0 |
| Directly with employer | 40 | 22 |
| Places or answers ads | 6 | 0 |
| Friends or relatives | 3 | 4 |
| Other or combinations | 31 | 58 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 155 | 50 |

While blacks are no more inclined to impose restrictions on their availability than whites, the types of restrictions they impose are somewhat more limiting. They are more likely, for instance, to be seeking jobs in the immediate vicinity of their residence or convenient to a public transportation system. These differences between age groups and color groups may very well contribute to the observed differences between them in the incidence of unemployment.

SUMMARY

The 14-24 age group of males is extremely heterogeneous from the standpoint of their labor market activity. Within this particular 11-year span the effect of age on labor force participation is probably more pronounced than in any other 11-year cohort. Among those in their late teens and early twenties, school status is also a powerful source of variation in labor market activity. In addition, the analysis in this chapter has uncovered a number of factors that are systematically related to the labor force participation of young men within age and school status categories: high school curriculum and educational aspirations, marital status, health condition, and local labor market conditions. Of all of the explanatory variables that have been investigated, the most powerful, as would be expected, is whether the young man is enrolled in school. On average, those who are not are almost twice as likely to be in the labor force in the early autumn as those who are.

Among both students and nonstudents, married men are much more likely to be working or seeking work than those who are unmarried. Older members of the age cohort are more likely to be in the labor force than younger members, although for students this relationship is distorted by the effect of educational level. Age for age, college students are less likely to be in the labor force than high school students. Those who are headed for college are also less likely to be economically active than their peers who plan to leave school with a high school diploma. Nonstudents with health problems are less likely to be in the labor market than those who have no such limitations. Students are considerably more likely to be in the labor force in areas where the labor market is relatively tight than in areas of high unemployment, but young men not enrolled in school do not display the same sensitivity to labor market conditions. Most of these relationships hold for black youth as well as for white. The former have somewhat lower participation rates than whites if they are not in school and have dropped out of high school or if they are students below college level. All other educational categories of blacks, however, have participation rates about as high as, or higher than, those of whites.

The incidence of unemployment among young men 14-24 years of age also is subject to considerable variation. Students are much more likely to suffer unemployment than those not enrolled in school. Unemployment drops precipitously for students in their twenties and for nonstudents in their late teens. Blacks generally have higher unemployment rates than whites,

that those with occupational training experience have lower-than-average unemployment rates. Again, this relationship is clearer in the case of the blacks than of the whites. In part, because of their more regular labor force participation, married youth are more successful than the unmarried in avoiding unemployment. This is true of all age groups of students, but only of the teenage out-of-school youth.

For black youth, health problems increase the probability of unemployment. The fact that the same relationship does not prevail for whites may mean that the two color groups are defining "health problems" differently. This is consistent with our finding that a larger proportion of white than of black youth report health problems.

Many of the relationships that have been found help to explain the much lower unemployment rate of male youth in their twenties than of those in their teens. As compared with teenagers, men in their twenties are more likely to be (1) nonstudents, (2) better educated, (3) married, and (4) white. Each of these characteristics seems to be associated with low unemployment, independent of age. Thus, the observed differences in unemployment between teenagers and youth in their early twenties are produced by these intercorrelations, as well as by what might be thought of as the "direct" effects of age; e.g., older youth are less likely to be newly entering the labor market, are more likely to have experience in finding jobs, and are more likely to have greater seniority in current jobs.

EMPLOYMENT PATTERNS

Having explored the factors that appear to differentiate between those young men who are employed and those who are not, we turn now to the former group and examine the types of jobs they hold, the number of hours they work per week, and rate of compensation. We are interested in ascertaining how employed students differ in these respects from those who are not enrolled in school and in exploring some of the sources of variation within the student and nonstudent groups. In addition, for those not currently enrolled in school, we analyze mobility patterns during the year preceding the survey and during the period since they left school.

I TYPES OF JOBS HELD

Age for age, there are rather profound differences between students and nonstudents in the occupations and industries in which they work and in their distribution as between self-employment and wage and salary status. Within each school enrollment status group, there is also substantial variation by color, age, and educational status.

Occupational Distribution

Irrespective of color, and largely irrespective of age, students are much more likely than those not enrolled in school to be employed in service, farm, labor, and sales occupations and somewhat more likely to be in clerical and professional and technical jobs (Table 4.1). On the other hand, they are less frequently employed as operatives, craftsmen, and managers.

Students White students are much more widely distributed among occupational categories than black, although this is in some measure a reflection of the different age compositions of the two groups (Table 4.1). There are only two of the nine major occupation categories--nonfarm managers and craftsmen--which account for less than a tenth of the total age group of white students. In contrast, there are five categories employing this small a proportion of the blacks.

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Table 4.1 Major Occupation Group, by Age and School Enrollment Status: Employed
Males 14-24 Years of Age, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Major occupation group | WHITES | | | | | BLACKS | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 |
| | Enrolled in school | | | | | Total 14-24 | Enrolled in school | | | | | Total 14-24 |
| Not enrolled in school | | | | | | | Not enrolled in school | | | | | |
| Professional and technical | 3 | 3 | 12 | 37 | 41 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 40 | 5 |
| Nonfarm managers and proprietors | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Clerical | 6 | 7 | 22 | 15 | 22 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 26 | 12 | 8 |
| Sales | 18 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 6 |
| Craftsmen and foremen | 4 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Operatives | 8 | 18 | 12 | 15 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 14 | 9 | 4 | 10 |
| Nonfarm laborers | 26 | 22 | 10 | 9 | 4 | 18 | 28 | 27 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Service | 18 | 23 | 20 | 11 | 4 | 18 | 26 | 22 | 32 | 39 | 39 | 27 |
| Farmers and farm laborers | 19 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 25 | 19 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 18 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,116 | 1,259 | 796 | 384 | 420 | 3,974 | 153 | 159 | 41 | 30 | 35 | 418 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Professional and technical | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| Nonfarm managers and proprietors | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Clerical | 0 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 7 |
| Sales | 0 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Craftsmen and foremen | 0 | 14 | 22 | 24 | 22 | 22 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 21 | 12 |
| Operatives | 28 | 32 | 37 | 37 | 27 | 32 | 10 | 30 | 38 | 33 | 36 | 34 |
| Nonfarm laborers | 48 | 20 | 12 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 19 | 26 | 24 | 13 | 19 |
| Service | 0 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 35 | 16 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 13 |
| Farmers and farm laborers | 24 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 36 | 20 | 12 | 10 | 4 | 10 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 31 | 410 | 1,053 | 1,179 | 2,351 | 5,024 | 17 | 82 | 170 | 240 | 342 | 852 |

Because of the close relationship between age and educational attainment in the case of students, there is a pronounced association between age and occupation. In the case of white students, for instance, the proportion of professional and technical workers is in the neighborhood 5 percent for teenagers, but about 40 percent for those in their twenties. Clerical employment also tends to be more prevalent among older than younger students. On the other hand, nonfarm laborers, service workers, and farm workers account for rather sharply declining proportions of employed white students as age increases. Most of these tendencies are manifest also among black students, although the numbers are too small for confident generalization. A notable exception is that the proportion of black students in service occupations tends to increase, rather than to decrease, with increasing age.

Most of the relationships that have been described between the occupation and age of students also are discernible when occupation is cross-classified with year of school (Table 4.2). Further, the occupations which students in their late teens are employed vary according to their high school curricula (Table 4.3).¹ For example, both white and black students 16-19 years of age in the college preparatory curriculum are about three times as likely as those in the general curriculum to be in white-collar jobs.

Nonstudents There are pronounced differences in occupational structure between white and black youth not enrolled in school (Table 4.1). White youth are far more likely than black to be in professional and technical, managerial, sales, and craft occupations, and much less likely than black to be laborers, farm workers, or service workers. The proportions in clerical and operative occupations are rather similar between the two groups. Over a fourth of the whites, but only a ninth of the blacks, are in white-collar jobs.

The differences in occupation between white and black youth are not primarily a function of differences in number of school years completed (Table 4.2). There are sufficiently large numbers of blacks for reliable comparisons in only two categories: those with under 12 years and those with exactly 12 years of school. Focusing on the latter, we find substantially the same pattern that has been described for the total groups of whites and blacks. A fourth of the white high school graduates, but only a ninth of their black counterparts, are in white-collar jobs. Relatively, almost twice as many whites as blacks are craftsmen, but the proportion of operatives and laborers is half again as high among blacks as among whites.

1 Not all these youth are currently enrolled in high school. Of the approximately 40 percent who are in college, the overwhelming majority will have taken the college preparatory course in high school. The table, therefore, reflects to some extent the difference between high school and college students 18-19 years old.

Table 4.2

Major Occupation Group, by Highest Year of School Completed and School Enrollment Status: Employed Males 14-24 Years of Age, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Major occupation group | WHITES | | | | | BLACKS | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----|-------|------------|------------------|------------------------|-----|-------|------------|------------------|
| | Less than 12 | 12 | 13-15 | 16 or more | Total or average | Less than 12 | 12 | 13-15 | 16 or more | Total or average |
| | Enrolled in school | | | | | Enrolled in school | | | | |
| Professional and technical | 3 | 12 | 23 | 76 | 12 | 1 | 10 | 16 | 86 | 5 |
| Nonfarm managers and proprietors | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| Clerical | 6 | 20 | 21 | 12 | 12 | 4 | 15 | 26 | 14 | 8 |
| Sales | 13 | 10 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 14 | 0 | 6 |
| Craftsmen and foremen | 5 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Operatives | 14 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| Nonfarm laborers | 24 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 18 | 26 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Service | 20 | 17 | 17 | 2 | 18 | 25 | 40 | 31 | 0 | 27 |
| Farmers and farm laborers | 15 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 23 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 18 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 2,335 | 497 | 972 | 170 | 3,974 | 316 | 45 | 49 | 9 | 418 |
| Major occupation group | Not enrolled in school | | | | | Not enrolled in school | | | | |
| | Less than 12 | 12 | 13-15 | 16 or more | Total or average | Less than 12 | 12 | 13-15 | 16 or more | Total or average |
| | Enrolled in school | | | | | Enrolled in school | | | | |
| Professional and technical | 2 | 5 | 15 | 62 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 93 | 3 |
| Nonfarm managers and proprietors | 2 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Clerical | 4 | 12 | 14 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 7 | 7 |
| Sales | 2 | 4 | 8 | 15 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Craftsmen and foremen | 24 | 23 | 19 | 4 | 22 | 12 | 12 | 22 | 0 | 12 |
| Operatives | 38 | 34 | 25 | 1 | 32 | 28 | 48 | 23 | 0 | 34 |
| Nonfarm laborers | 16 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 25 | 12 | 14 | 0 | 19 |
| Service | 7 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 16 | 10 | 0 | 13 |
| Farm and farm laborers | 6 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,667 | 444 | 971 | 323 | 3,004 | 466 | 111 | 96 | 23 | 696 |

Table 4.3 Major Occupation Group, by High School Curriculum: Employed Male Students (1) 16-19
Years of Age, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Major occupation group | WHITES | | | | | BLACKS | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|---------|------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Vocational | Commercial | College preparatory | General | Total or average | Vocational | Commercial | College preparatory | General | Total or average |
| Professional and technical | 2 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Nonfarm managers and proprietors | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Clerical | 8 | 0 | 18 | 7 | 12 | 0 | 43 | 16 | 5 | 10 |
| Sales | 5 | 7 | 14 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 5 |
| Craftsmen and foremen | 6 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 26 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Operatives | 24 | 32 | 9 | 20 | 16 | 22 | 0 | 14 | 10 | 11 |
| Nonfarm laborers | 17 | 23 | 14 | 22 | 18 | 13 | 14 | 21 | 30 | 24 |
| Service | 16 | 8 | 24 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 29 | 21 | 27 | 24 |
| Farmers and farm laborers | 18 | 15 | 5 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 19 | 14 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 202 | 52 | 973 | 777 | 2,055 | 21 | 7 | 57 | 96 | 189 |

(1) Includes only those respondents with some high school.

Within each color group, occupational structure is related to educational attainment in the way one would expect. Additional education, however, seems to have different effects for blacks than for whites. The "improvement" in occupational structure attributable to having a high school diploma is greater in the case of whites. On the other hand, if the estimates of occupational distribution for the small numbers of college-trained blacks can be relied upon, and if we use the proportion in white-collar work as the criterion, it would appear that black youth benefit relatively more than white youth from a college degree.

Industrial Distribution

There is a dramatic difference in industrial affiliation between students and those not enrolled in school (Table 4.4). Construction and manufacturing account for about half the out-of-school youth, but for less than a fifth of the students. On the other hand, the trade and service industries employ almost two-thirds of the students in contrast to less than a third of those not in school.

Students Seven out of ten employed students are concentrated in the service-producing industries for both blacks and whites (Table 4.4). Two of the major industry divisions in this category--trade and services--employ two-thirds of all the white students and three-fifths of the black. There are, nevertheless, differences in the industrial deployment of white and black students, which partially reflect differences in the age composition of the two groups. Blacks are less likely than whites to be employed in manufacturing and trade, and more likely to be employed in agriculture.

Age differences in industrial distribution are pronounced among students, with the patterns rather similar for both whites and blacks. Agriculture is a major employer of the very young, but accounts for a very small proportion of students in their twenties. Trade likewise declines in importance as age increases, but not nearly so sharply as agriculture. Even among students in their twenties, trade accounts for over a fifth of total employment. In contrast, manufacturing accounts for an increasing proportion of employed students as age increases, but is by no means negligible even for those under 18 years old.

Nonstudents Except for the larger proportion of blacks than whites employed in agriculture (12 percent versus 6 percent), there are no substantial differences in industrial affiliation between the two color groups of youth not enrolled in school (Table 4.4). This is not so, however, for all age categories. Among the 14-17 year olds, where the differences between whites and blacks appear to be greatest, blacks are nearly three times as likely as whites to be employed in agriculture, but only about half as likely to be employed in manufacturing.

There is some relationship between age and industrial affiliation in both color groups; however, it is more pronounced in the case of blacks. Among both whites and blacks, agriculture accounts for a smaller proportion

Table 4.4 Major Industry Division, by Age and School Enrollment Status.
Employed Males 14-24 Years of Age, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Major industry division | WHITES | | | | BLACKS | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| | 14-17 | 18-19 | 20-24 | Total 14-24 | 14-17 | 18-19 | 20-24 | Total 14-24 |
| | Enrolled in School | | | | Enrolled in school | | | |
| Manufacturing | 30 | 27 | 27 | 28 | 33 | 20 | 25 | 30 |
| Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries | 16 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 23 | 10 | 2 | 18 |
| Construction | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Manufacturing | 2 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Manufacturing | 11 | 17 | 19 | 14 | 6 | 10 | 23 | 9 |
| Rice producing | 70 | 73 | 73 | 71 | 67 | 80 | 75 | 70 |
| Transportation and public utilities | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 41 | 36 | 21 | 36 | 31 | 25 | 22 | 29 |
| Finance, insurance, and real estate | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 17 | 4 |
| Services | 27 | 31 | 41 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 34 | 32 |
| Public administration | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 2 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 2,375 | 796 | 804 | 3,974 | 312 | 41 | 65 | 418 |
| | Not enrolled in school | | | | Not enrolled in school | | | |
| Manufacturing | 56 | 59 | 56 | 57 | 50 | 67 | 57 | 58 |
| Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries | 9 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 24 | 16 | 9 | 12 |
| Construction | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Manufacturing | 12 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 19 | 8 | 10 |
| Manufacturing | 36 | 42 | 40 | 40 | 17 | 33 | 40 | 36 |
| Rice producing | 43 | 41 | 44 | 43 | 50 | 33 | 43 | 42 |
| Transportation and public utilities | 3 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 23 | 27 | 16 | 19 | 19 | 13 | 22 | 20 |
| Finance, insurance, and real estate | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Services | 13 | 7 | 14 | 13 | 16 | 13 | 9 | 11 |
| Public administration | 2 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 441 | 1,053 | 3,530 | 5,024 | 99 | 170 | 582 | 852 |

of employment as age increases. Among blacks only, the reverse relationship exists for manufacturing. For whites, trade accounts for a larger proportion of employment of young men in their teens than of those in their twenties.

Class of Worker

Students Slightly more than four-fifths of employed white students are private wage and salary workers, about a tenth are government employees, about one in twenty is self-employed, and almost the same proportion are unpaid family workers (Table 4.5). Black students have a similar distribution except for a smaller proportion of self-employed (2 percent) and a correspondingly larger proportion of private wage and salary workers (84 percent).

As would be expected, there is a rather strong relationship between class of worker and occupation. For example, in the case of white students, the self-employed are prominent among managers, professional and technical workers, sales workers, and craftsmen; unpaid family workers are most prevalent among farm workers, accounting for a third of the total; and government workers account for large proportions of professional and technical workers (25 percent), clerical workers (15 percent), and service workers (18 percent).

Nonstudents Although self-employment is very limited among out-of-school youth irrespective of their color, whites are nevertheless considerably more likely than blacks to be self-employed--4 percent versus 0.5 percent (Table 4.6). Over three-tenths of white farm workers are self-employed. Government accounts for an above average number of employment opportunities among male youth in three occupational categories: professional and technical, clerical, and service. Among white professional and technical workers and service workers, about a third are government workers; among clericals, 16 percent. For the blacks, the respective proportions are even higher in the professional and technical and clerical categories and only slightly lower in service.

II HOURS OF WORK AND RATE OF PAY

Hours Worked in Survey Week

The most important single influence on the number of weekly hours worked by male youth is, of course, whether or not they are enrolled in school. Irrespective of color, more than four-fifths of the students work part time, i.e., under 35 hours a week, as contrasted with under one-fifth of the out-of-school youth (Table 4.7). White students are seven times as likely as those out-of-school to work part time; black students, over four times. These patterns tend to prevail irrespective of occupational category (Tables 4.8 and 4.9).

Table 4.5 Class of Worker in Current Job, by Major Occupation Group: Employed Males 14-24 Years
of Age Enrolled in School, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Class of worker | Professional and technical | Nonfarm managers, proprietors | Clerical | Sales | Craftsmen and foremen | Operatives | Nonfarm laborers | Service | Farmers and farm laborers | Total or average |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-------|-----------------------|------------|------------------|---------|---------------------------|------------------|
| WHITES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wage and salary | 89 | 64 | 99 | 87 | 87 | 98 | 98 | 96 | 62 | 90 |
| Private | 64 | 58 | 84 | 87 | 78 | 94 | 97 | 78 | 60 | 81 |
| Government | 25 | 5 | 15 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 1 | 9 |
| Self-employed | 10 | 36 | 0 | 13 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Unpaid family worker | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 4 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 466 | 69 | 463 | 437 | 210 | 495 | 690 | 703 | 396 | 3,974 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wage and salary | 100 | 22 | 100 | 94 | 100 | 96 | 100 | 99 | 72 | 93 |
| Private | 90 | 22 | 75 | 91 | 94 | 80 | 96 | 84 | 72 | 84 |
| Government | 10 | 0 | 25 | 3 | 6 | 16 | 4 | 15 | 0 | 9 |
| Self-employed | 0 | 78 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Unpaid family worker | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 5 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 22 | 4 | 31 | 27 | 14 | 41 | 88 | 112 | 74 | 418 |

Table 4.6 Class of Worker in Current Job, by Major Occupation Group: Employed Males 14-24 Years of Age, Not Enrolled in School, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Class of worker | Professional and technical | Nonfarm managers, proprietors | Clerical | Sales | Craftsmen and foremen | Operatives | Nonfarm laborers | Service | Farmers and farm laborers | Total or average |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-------|-----------------------|------------|------------------|---------|---------------------------|------------------|
| WHITES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wage and salary | 98 | 82 | 99 | 94 | 97 | 98 | 98 | 97 | 57 | 95 |
| Private | 62 | 81 | 84 | 94 | 92 | 97 | 89 | 62 | 57 | 86 |
| Government | 36 | 2 | 16 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 35 | 0 | 9 |
| Self-employed | 2 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 32 | 4 |
| Unpaid family worker | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 433 | 223 | 459 | 218 | 1,079 | 1,593 | 466 | 258 | 255 | 5,024 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wage and salary | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 84 | 98 |
| Private | 33 | 100 | 81 | 100 | 95 | 98 | 88 | 71 | 84 | 87 |
| Government | 67 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 29 | 0 | 11 |
| Self-employed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Unpaid family worker | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 1 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 28 | 5 | 60 | 1 | 103 | 288 | 161 | 112 | 81 | 852 |

Table 4.7 Hours Worked during Survey Week, by Age and School Enrollment Status: Employed Males 14-24 Years of Age Who Worked During Survey Week, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Hours worked | WHITES | | | | | | BLACKS | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 |
| | Enrolled in school | | | | | | Enrolled in school | | | | | |
| 1-4 | 19 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 19 | 11 |
| 5-14 | 38 | 32 | 34 | 22 | 9 | 30 | 39 | 32 | 14 | 23 | 22 | 31 |
| 15-34 | 39 | 51 | 45 | 41 | 24 | 43 | 42 | 50 | 58 | 40 | 32 | 46 |
| 35-40 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 25 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 32 | 18 | 7 |
| 41 or more | 1 | 4 | 7 | 19 | 39 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 5 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,039 | 1,219 | 754 | 359 | 408 | 3,780 | 149 | 150 | 38 | 29 | 34 | 401 |
| Not enrolled in school | | | | | | | Not enrolled in school | | | | | |
| 1-34 | 46 | 23 | 20 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 54 | 30 | 28 | 15 | 14 | 19 |
| 35-40 | 3 | 28 | 28 | 30 | 26 | 27 | 10 | 42 | 27 | 37 | 26 | 31 |
| 41-48 | 12 | 26 | 28 | 22 | 25 | 25 | 15 | 10 | 23 | 21 | 34 | 25 |
| 49 or more | 39 | 24 | 24 | 38 | 42 | 36 | 22 | 18 | 22 | 27 | 26 | 25 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 27 | 408 | 1,010 | 1,163 | 2,300 | 4,908 | 17 | 77 | 168 | 238 | 328 | 829 |

Table 4.8 Hours Worked during Survey Week, by Major Occupation Group: Employed Males 14-24 Years of Age Enrolled in School Who Worked during Survey Week, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Hours worked | Professional and technical | Nonfarm managers, proprietors | Clerical | Sales | Craftsmen and foremen | Operatives | Nonfarm laborers | Service | Farmers and farm laborers | Total or average |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-------|-----------------------|------------|------------------|---------|---------------------------|------------------|
| WHITES | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-4 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 2 | 22 | 11 | 6 | 10 |
| 5-14 | 32 | 21 | 19 | 44 | 26 | 21 | 35 | 39 | 24 | 30 |
| 15-34 | 27 | 28 | 45 | 40 | 36 | 56 | 38 | 42 | 59 | 43 |
| 35-40 | 13 | 11 | 18 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 8 |
| 41 or more | 21 | 40 | 14 | 2 | 21 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 9 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 433 | 66 | 453 | 428 | 192 | 480 | 674 | 644 | 364 | 3,780 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-4 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 17 | 1 | 11 |
| 5-14 | 48 | 100 | 10 | 42 | 28 | 18 | 32 | 35 | 34 | 31 |
| 15-34 | 11 | 0 | 57 | 56 | 43 | 58 | 41 | 41 | 55 | 46 |
| 35-40 | 30 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| 41 or more | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 28 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 5 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 20 | 1 | 30 | 27 | 14 | 39 | 88 | 103 | 74 | 401 |

Table 4.9

Hours Worked during Survey Week, by Major Occupation Group: Employed Males 14-24 Years of Age
Not Enrolled in School Who Worked during Survey Week, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Hours worked | Professional and technical | Nonfarm managers, proprietors | Clerical | Sales | Craftsmen and foremen | Operatives | Nonfarm laborers | Service | Farmers and farm laborers | Total or average |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| WHITES | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5-14 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 15-34 | 6 | 3 | 16 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 14 | 17 | 8 | 10 |
| 35-40 | 31 | 15 | 38 | 21 | 30 | 26 | 31 | 21 | 9 | 27 |
| 41 or more | 62 | 82 | 46 | 66 | 60 | 62 | 51 | 57 | 81 | 61 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 429 | 223 | 456 | 214 | 1,029 | 1,566 | 457 | 249 | 246 | 4,908 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 5-14 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| 15-34 | 15 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 22 | 8 | 22 | 15 | 22 | 16 |
| 35-40 | 10 | 25 | 46 | 100 | 19 | 33 | 33 | 40 | 20 | 31 |
| 41 or more | 75 | 74 | 30 | 0 | 56 | 58 | 38 | 41 | 55 | 50 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 28 | 5 | 60 | 1 | 100 | 283 | 146 | 111 | 81 | 829 |

Students Among white students, there is a clear and consistent relationship between age and hours worked per week (Table 4.7). Whether one defines short hours as less than five per week, less than 15, or less than 35, the proportion working short hours declines consistently as age increases. For example, almost three-fifths of the 14-15 year age group work under 15 hours per week, in contrast to less than an eighth of those 22-24 years old. On the other hand, only 3 percent of the youngest age category, but almost two-thirds of the oldest, work full time (35 or more hours per week). In only the two youngest categories of black students are there large enough numbers of students for reasonably reliable estimates. It is noteworthy that among both the 14-15 year group and the 16-17 year group the distribution of blacks by hours worked per week is very similar to that of the whites.

It is clear from Table 4.8 that the number of hours per week a student works is not independent of his occupation. In five major occupation groups--professional and technical, managerial, clerical, craftsmen, and operatives--at least a fifth of the employed white students work full time. In the other four--sales, laborers, service, and farm workers--only about 5 to 10 percent work full time. At the other extreme, very short hours, i.e., under five per week, are more common among nonfarm laborers, sales workers, service workers, and craftsmen than in any of the other occupational categories.

Nonstudents A full three-fifths of all out-of-school white youth are working more than the "standard" 40-hour week, while only one-eighth work part time, i.e., under 35 hours per week (Table 4.9). Black youth not enrolled in school work fewer hours than whites. Only half work more than 40 hours per week, and larger proportions of them than whites work part time. These relationships prevail in all age groups.

Within each color group, number of hours worked per week is related positively to age. For example, among whites, the proportion of part-time workers declines from about one-fourth in the case of youth 14-17 years old to under a tenth for those 22-24 years old. In the case of black youth, there is an equally marked difference. In both color groups, the sharpest declines (ignoring the very small group 14-15 years old) occur between the teens and the early twenties.

The hours worked by white youth not enrolled in school vary rather substantially by occupation (Table 4.9). Nonfarm managers and proprietors and farm workers are much more likely than other occupational categories to work longer than 40 hours a week. Sales workers are somewhat more likely to do so. Clerical workers and nonfarm laborers, on the other hand, have smaller-than-average proportions working longer than 40 hours. The differences in hours between whites and blacks are largely independent of differences in their occupational distribution. In all occupational categories in which there are enough blacks for reliable comparisons, smaller proportions of them than of whites work in excess of 40 hours. In most cases, the black youth also have a larger proportion working under 35 hours.

Hourly Rate of Pay: Youth 20-24 Years of Age²

The average rate of pay per hour of young men between 20 and 24 years of age not enrolled in school is \$2.59 for whites and \$1.84 for blacks (table 4.10).

Occupation Perhaps the most striking aspect of the data is the very wide variation in hourly rate of pay among major occupation groups--far greater than those that existed in mid-1966 among men between the ages of 20 and 59.3 Among the white youth in nonfarm occupations, the lowest hourly rate of pay is for service workers (\$2.07) and the highest is for professional and technical workers (\$2.87), a relative differential of 39 percent. In contrast, in mid-1966 the differential among white men 45-59 years of age between nonfarm laborers (\$2.50) and professional and technical workers (\$4.91) was 96 percent. In the case of the youth, the hourly rate of pay for all nonfarm categories, except professional and technical and service, lies within the narrow range from \$2.54 (sales) to \$2.65 (craftsmen)--a differential of less than 5 percent. The rate structure for the older men stands in sharp contrast; illustrative differentials are 88 percent between operatives and craftsmen and 31 percent between salesmen and managers.

It follows from the foregoing that the age differential in rate of pay between the youth and the older men varies substantially from one occupational category to another. The overall percentage differential in hourly rate of pay between the two age groups of white men is 36 percent (for the youth and \$3.51 for the older men). This differential is as high as 71 percent in the case of professional and technical workers and 88 percent in the case of managers, but only 5 percent or less in the case of operatives and nonfarm laborers. In the latter occupational category, the youth actually have a slightly higher average rate of pay (\$2.56 versus \$2.50 for the older males). It seems clear that age makes a difference with respect to rate of earnings in those major occupation groups which are relatively homogeneous with respect to level of skill and

2 Hourly rate of pay was computed in the following manner: employed respondents were asked "How much do you usually earn at this job before deductions?" Responses in terms of an hourly rate were coded as given. Responses in terms of a weekly figure were divided by the number of hours usually worked per week in the past 12 months in the case of those who had been out of school for at least 12 months and by number of hours worked during the survey week in the case of those who had been students during the past 12 months. Responses in terms of biweekly, semimonthly, monthly, or annual figures were converted first to weekly data by dividing by the appropriate factor (e.g., 2.2 for semimonthly and 52 for annual) and then treated the same as a weekly wage. Responses in terms of a daily figure were not coded and were considered to be "not ascertained."

3 Parnes, H. S., et al., The Pre-Retirement Years: A Longitudinal Study of the Labor Market Experience of the Cohort of Men 45-59 Years of Age, Vol. I (Columbus: The Ohio State University Center for Human Resource Research, 1968), p. 47.

Table 4.10 Mean Hourly Rate of Pay, by Major Occupation Group: Employed Male Wage and Salary Workers 20-24 Years of Age and 45-59 Years of Age, (1) Not Enrolled in School, by Color

| Major occupation group | Youth 20-24 years of age | | Men 45-59 years of age | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| | WHITES | BLACKS | WHITES | BLACKS |
| Professional and technical | \$2.87 | (a) | \$4.91 | \$3.40 |
| Nonfarm managers and proprietors | 2.60 | (a) | 4.88 | 3.16 |
| Clerical | 2.57 | \$1.60 | 3.23 | 2.60 |
| Sales | 2.54 | (a) | 3.73 | (a) |
| Craftsmen and foremen | 2.65 | 1.86 | 3.45 | 2.65 |
| Operatives | 2.60 | 1.99 | 2.74 | 2.24 |
| Nonfarm laborers | 2.56 | 1.79 | 2.50 | 2.15 |
| Service | 2.07 | 1.59 | 2.53 | 1.95 |
| Farmers and farm laborers | (a) | (a) | 1.33 | 0.83 |
| Average | 2.59 | 1.84 | 3.51 | 2.22 |

(1) Data for men 45-59 years from Parnes, et al., op. cit., p. 52.

(a) Means not shown where sample cases number fewer than 30.

responsibility (e.g., laborers, operatives). In those categories, on the other hand, in which there are relatively large variations in level of skill and responsibility (e.g., sales, craftsmen, professional and technical, managerial), the older and more experienced men are likely to be in the higher level jobs and thus earn the higher rates of pay.

Color On the average, white youth between the ages of 20 and 24 who are not enrolled in school earn 41 percent more per hour than their black counterparts. A small part of this difference reflects the difference in occupational structure between the two color groups. Nevertheless, there is a substantial differential within every major occupation group containing large enough numbers of each group for reliable comparison. These inter-occupational differentials are in the neighborhood of 30 percent for white workers and operatives, 40 percent for nonfarm laborers and craftsmen, and 60 percent for clerical workers.

Education and training Craftsmen and operatives are the only major occupation groups with large enough numbers of white and black youth to permit a test of the influence of education on hourly rate of pay. In these occupation groups, young men who have high school degrees earn more than those who do not (Table 4.11). The differentials in favor of better educated are 12 and 14 percent, respectively, for white craftsmen and operatives and 52 and 27 percent, respectively, for black men in the same occupational categories. The inter-color difference in average hourly rate of pay, it should be noted, persists when education is controlled, but is less between whites and blacks with 12 or more years of schooling than among those with less education. For example, the black-white differential among craftsmen with 12 or more years of education is 24 percent, but is as great as 68 percent among those with less than 12 years of schooling.

The relationship between the hourly rate of pay of craftsmen and that of operatives, irrespective of education, is rather perplexing. In the case of whites, the differential in favor of craftsmen is exceedingly small (three cents per hour for those with high school degrees and eight cents for those who were high school dropouts). For black youth with high school diplomas, the differential is four cents in favor of craftsmen, but for those with less than high school degrees it is 25 cents in favor of the operatives. The only plausible explanation that comes to mind is that substantial numbers of the youth who reported themselves as craftsmen, in fact are serving in less skilled jobs.⁴

Training outside of the regular school system also appears to contribute to higher earnings, most substantially in the case of operatives, although

⁴ See Appendix E, footnote 6. Some of these are, perhaps, apprentices who are given trade who neglected to designate their apprenticeship status. According to the Census classification system, apprentices should be classified as "operatives" rather than "craftsmen."

Table 4.11 Mean Hourly Rate of Pay of Craftsmen and Operatives, by Highest Year of School Completed and by Extent of Vocational Training outside of Regular School: Employed Male Wage and Salary Workers 20-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color

| Education and training | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| | Craftsmen, foremen | Operatives | Craftsmen, foremen | Operatives |
| Highest year of school completed | | | | |
| 11 or less | \$2.47 | \$2.39 | \$1.47 | \$1.77 |
| 12 or more | 2.76 | 2.73 | 2.23 | 2.15 |
| Average | 2.65 | 2.60 | 1.86 | 1.96 |
| Extent of training outside regular school | | | | |
| None | \$2.57 | \$2.36 | \$1.84 | \$1.84 |
| 1 type of program | 2.66 | 2.75 | (a) | 2.22 |
| 2 or more types of programs | 2.78 | 2.94 | (a) | (a) |
| Average | 2.65 | 2.60 | 1.86 | 1.96 |

(a) Means not shown where sample cases number fewer than 30.

e correlation between number of years of education and the presence of training makes it uncertain to what extent education and training have dependent effects on earnings (Table 4.11). White youth employed as operatives who have participated in one type of training program earn out 17 percent more per hour than those who have had none. The differential enjoyed by those with two or more programs is 24 percent. Black operatives who have had one type of training program earn 22 percent more than those who have had none.

Health Only among white operatives is there sufficient variation in health to permit an analysis of its effect on wage rate. Within that category, those young men who report no health problems that affect the kind or amount of work they can do earn 46 cents per hour more--about 17 percent--than those who have such health problems. The same kind of relationship was found within virtually all the major occupation groups of men between the ages of 45 and 59.⁵

Size of labor force in local area Comparable to our findings in the case of older men,⁶ is the strong positive relationship between hourly wage rate and labor force size in the local area (Table 4.12). The relationship is most pronounced in the case of white craftsmen, where the differential in hourly rate of pay is as much as 37 percent between areas with a labor force under 100,000 and those with a labor force of half a million or more. The differential is 27 percent for black operatives,

Table 4.12 Mean Hourly Rate of Pay of Craftsmen and Operatives, by Size of Labor Force in PSU: Employed Male Wage and Salary Workers 20-24 Years of Age, Not Enrolled In School, by Color

| Size of labor force in PSU | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| | Craftsmen and foremen | Operatives | Craftsmen and foremen | Operatives |
| Less than 100,000 | \$2.39 | \$2.49 | \$1.50 | \$1.79 |
| 100,000-499,000 | 2.53 | 2.77 | (a) | 2.00 |
| 500,000 or more | 3.28 | 2.68 | (a) | 2.27 |
| Average | 2.65 | 2.60 | 1.86 | 1.99 |

(a) Means not shown where sample cases number fewer than 30.

5 Parnes, et al., op. cit., p. 48.

6 Ibid., pp. 45-48.

but only 8 percent for white operatives. For the latter category, earnings in the largest communities are actually slightly lower than in communities of intermediate size (labor force of 100,000-499,000).

III METHOD OF FINDING CURRENT JOB

Among students and nonstudents alike, employed youth have found their current jobs⁷ largely by informal methods (Table 4.13). In each school enrollment status and for both whites and blacks, between 70 and 80 percent report having found their jobs through friends or relatives and by making the rounds of employers. Students are more likely than those not enrolled to have been placed by the school employment service. On the other hand, out-of-school youth are more likely to have found their jobs through the public employment service.

Students

By far the most common method used by students to find their current jobs is through friends and relatives (Table 4.13); almost half of both white and black students cite this method. Another fourth found their jobs by directly contacting employers, and a tenth used the school employment service. No other listed means--public or private employment agencies or advertising--was used by more than 4 percent of either whites or blacks, although an eighth noted some other or a combination of methods.

Among white students, the use of friends and relatives in finding jobs is inversely related to age. The proportion citing this method ranges from two-thirds of the 14-15 year olds to one-third of the 22-24 year olds. Public and private employment agencies and advertisements more commonly are used by older than by younger youth, although each is used by less than 7 percent, even of the oldest group. The greatest use of school employment services is made by 18-19 year olds, about a fifth of whom list this method of job finding.

It is interesting to note that the methods by which employed students have found their current jobs differ in some respects from the methods by which unemployed students are currently seeking work.⁸ In the case of both whites and blacks, the unemployed are placing much less reliance on friends and relatives and much more reliance on direct contacts with employers than would seem to be warranted by the experience of the employed. There is also a larger proportion of the unemployed, than of the employed, who report a combination of methods. This is to be expected, however, since the employed are more likely to report only the single method that resulted in their placement.

7 "How did you find out about this (i.e., current) job?"

8 See, Appendix E, Table E-8.

Table 4.13 Method Used to Find Current Job, by Age and School Enrollment Status: Employed
Males 14-24 Years of Age, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Method used to find current job | WHITES | | | | | | BLACKS | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 |
| | Enrolled in school | | | | | | Enrolled in school | | | | | |
| School employment service | 1 | 8 | 19 | 16 | 13 | 10 | 7 | 12 | 15 | 33 | 3 | 11 |
| Public employment agency | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 24 | 0 | 3 |
| Private employment agency | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Directly with employer | 16 | 27 | 23 | 27 | 21 | 22 | 31 | 25 | 16 | 4 | 4 | 23 |
| Places or answers ads. | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 22 | 4 |
| Friends or relatives | 64 | 52 | 39 | 39 | 35 | 50 | 51 | 50 | 49 | 13 | 51 | 48 |
| Other or combinations | 16 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 16 | 13 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 20 | 11 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,116 | 1,259 | 796 | 384 | 420 | 3,974 | 153 | 159 | 41 | 30 | 35 | 418 |
| | Not enrolled in school | | | | | | Not enrolled in school | | | | | |
| | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 |
| | Enrolled in school | | | | | | Enrolled in school | | | | | |
| School employment service | 0 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Public employment agency | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 14 | 8 |
| Private employment agency | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Directly with employer | 23 | 32 | 24 | 22 | 27 | 26 | 28 | 18 | 27 | 20 | 23 | 23 |
| Places or answers ads. | 0 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| Friends or relatives | 74 | 47 | 52 | 48 | 39 | 45 | 56 | 54 | 52 | 61 | 51 | 54 |
| Other or combinations | 3 | 7 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 12 | 16 | 18 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 6 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 31 | 410 | 1,053 | 1,179 | 2,351 | 5,024 | 17 | 82 | 170 | 240 | 342 | 852 |

There are rather pronounced departures in several occupational categories from the pattern of finding jobs described above (Table 4.14). Among white students, for example, the school employment service is responsible for a larger proportion of placements in professional and technical, clerical, and service jobs than in other occupational categories. White students in professional and technical work, as well as the small number who are managers or proprietors, are less likely than any other nonfarm category to have found their jobs through friends or relatives or through direct employer contacts. On the other hand, over four-fifths of nonfarm laborers, operatives, and sales workers found their jobs by these more-or-less informal means.

Nonstudents

For the total age group of employed out-of-school youth, there are relatively few differences between the methods used by whites and blacks to find their current jobs (Table 4.13). It is perhaps noteworthy that the black youth are twice as likely as white to have been placed by the public employment service, but the proportion is nonetheless small (8 percent). Blacks also are more likely than whites to have been led to their jobs by friends or relatives. Among whites, this method tends to become less important with increasing age, but among blacks it is equally prominent in each age category. For both color groups, the public employment service and newspaper advertisements become more important as age increases, but in no age-color group do both of these methods combined account for much more than a fifth of the total.

In nearly all occupational categories, direct application with employer and learning about the job through friends or relatives are the two most important single methods used by out-of-school youth to find their jobs (Table 4.15). Nevertheless, there are variations among youth in different occupations. White professional and technical workers, for instance, are much more likely than other occupational groups to have obtained their jobs through a school employment service. Black professional and technical workers appear to have made much greater use of the public employment service than other groups, although the number in this occupational category is too small for reliable estimates. Black craftsmen and operatives make relatively greater use of the public service than other occupation groups of black youth, and much greater use of it than the corresponding occupational groups of white youth.

IV MOBILITY CHARACTERISTICS

Length of Service in Current Job

Whether one examines students or nonstudents, about half of all employed males 14-24 years of age have held their jobs less than a year (Table 4.16). In both color groups, the percentage of short-service workers is greater among students than nonstudents, but in the case of the whites, when age is controlled, this pattern holds only for those in their twenties.

Table 4.14

Method Used to Find Current Job, by Major Occupation Group: Employed Males 14-24 Years
of Age Enrolled in School, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Method used to find current job | Professional and technical | Nonfarm managers, proprietors | Clerical | Sales | Craftsmen and foremen | Operatives | Nonfarm laborers | Service | Farmers and farm laborers | Total or average |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-------|-----------------------|------------|------------------|---------|---------------------------|------------------|
| WHITES | | | | | | | | | | |
| School employment service | 23 | 12 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 16 | 1 | 10 |
| Public employment agency | 3 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Private employment agency | 2 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Directly with employer | 18 | 7 | 19 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 22 | 26 | 18 | 22 |
| Places or answers ads | 4 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Friends or relatives | 27 | 31 | 45 | 58 | 46 | 55 | 64 | 48 | 47 | 50 |
| Other or combinations | 22 | 37 | 5 | 5 | 23 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 33 | 13 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 466 | 69 | 463 | 437 | 210 | 495 | 690 | 703 | 396 | 3,974 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | | | | |
| School employment service | 5 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 37 | 14 | 4 | 20 | 7 | 11 |
| Public employment agency | 0 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Private employment agency | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Directly with employer | 4 | 22 | 23 | 10 | 11 | 26 | 38 | 19 | 22 | 23 |
| Places or answers ads. | 28 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Friends or relatives | 57 | 40 | 33 | 40 | 37 | 53 | 54 | 53 | 38 | 48 |
| Other or combinations | 6 | 38 | 3 | 22 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 32 | 11 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 22 | 4 | 31 | 27 | 14 | 41 | 88 | 112 | 74 | 418 |

Table 4.15

Method Used to Find Current Job, by Major Occupation Group
of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color

Employed Males 14-24 Years

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(Percentage distribution)

| Method used to find current job | Professional and technical | Nonfarm managers, proprietors | Clerical | Sales | Craftsmen and foremen | Operatives | Nonfarm laborers | Service | Farmers and farm laborers | Total or average |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-------|-----------------------|------------|------------------|---------|---------------------------|------------------|
| WHITES | | | | | | | | | | |
| School employment service | 14 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 4 |
| Public employment agency | 4 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 4 |
| Private employment agency | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Directly with employer | 23 | 29 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 28 | 29 | 24 | 18 | 26 |
| Places or answers ads. | 9 | 7 | 12 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 0 | 7 |
| Friends or relatives | 24 | 36 | 44 | 45 | 47 | 51 | 49 | 33 | 43 | 45 |
| Other or combinations | 21 | 21 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 37 | 12 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 433 | 223 | 459 | 218 | 1,079 | 1,593 | 466 | 258 | 255 | 5,024 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | | | | |
| School employment service | 5 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Public employment agency | 43 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 17 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| Private employment agency | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Directly with employer | 0 | 37 | 33 | 0 | 25 | 19 | 30 | 19 | 28 | 23 |
| Places or answers ads. | 0 | 37 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 17 | 0 | 6 |
| Friends or relatives | 52 | 26 | 32 | 100 | 52 | 61 | 51 | 55 | 58 | 54 |
| Other or combinations | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 14 | 6 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 28 | 5 | 60 | 1 | 103 | 288 | 161 | 112 | 81 | 852 |

Table 4.16 Length of Service in Current Job, by Age and School Enrollment Status: Employed
Males 14-24 Years of Age, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Length of service in current job (years) | WHITES | | | | | | BLACKS | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 |
| | Enrolled in school | | | | | | Enrolled in school | | | | | |
| Less than 1 | 51 | 59 | 61 | 58 | 49 | 56 | 67 | 67 | 71 | 92 | 66 | 68 |
| 1 or more | 49 | 41 | 39 | 42 | 51 | 44 | 33 | 33 | 29 | 8 | 34 | 32 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,116 | 1,259 | 796 | 384 | 420 | 3,974 | 153 | 159 | 41 | 30 | 35 | 418 |
| | Not enrolled in school | | | | | | Not enrolled in school | | | | | |
| | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 14-24 |
| | Enrolled in school | | | | | | Enrolled in school | | | | | |
| Less than 1 | 87 | 82 | 63 | 49 | 36 | 48 | 54 | 87 | 62 | 60 | 43 | 56 |
| 1 or more | 13 | 18 | 37 | 51 | 64 | 52 | 46 | 13 | 38 | 40 | 57 | 44 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 31 | 410 | 1,053 | 1,179 | 2,351 | 5,024 | 17 | 82 | 170 | 240 | 342 | 852 |

Students A majority of employed students have held their current jobs less than a year (Table 4.16). It is rather interesting that the usual relationship between age and tenure does not prevail among students, except perhaps as between the two top age categories. Among whites, for instance, the proportion of students with at least one year of service in current job is actually lower for those 16-17 years old than for those 14-15 years old. The proportion is highest for the 22-24 year old group, but only 9 percentage points higher than for those 20-21. The evidence, in other words, suggests considerable movement among jobs and/or into and out of employment by students of all ages. Age for age, black students have shorter service than white students.

Nonstudents Among out-of-school youth--both white and black--length of service in current job is positively related to age (Table 4.16). Less than one-fifth of white youth under 18 years of age have served as long as a year, as opposed to about three-fifths of those 22 to 24 years old. In most age categories, the proportion of white youth with a year or more of service is larger than that of black youth. This inter-color difference is more significant in view of the fact that the blacks, on the average, have been out of school longer and thus have the potential for longer service than the whites.

Job Movement During 12 Months Preceding Survey: Youth 20-24 Years of Age

The substantial amount of job changing by young men is evidenced by a comparison of employment status at time of survey and one year earlier, as reported by the respondents (Table 4.17). To make the interpretation manageable, the analysis is confined to young men 20-24 years of age who are not enrolled in school and who have no more than a high school education. Because of the relationship between their age and educational attainment, it can be assumed that almost all of this group could have had continuous employment with the same employer and in the same occupational assignment.

Of the 3,200,000 young men in this category, approximately a tenth were not working a year ago either because of unemployment or absence from the labor force; over a third are now employed by a different employer, and over half are working for the same employer. The proportion who remained in the same occupation during the 12-month period was very similar to the proportion staying with the same employer, but these two categories did not consist entirely of the same individuals. Some of the young men who did not change employers did change occupation, and some of those who made an employer shift remained in the same occupational assignment. Although not shown in the table, about 10 percent of the total number of young men lived in a different county or SMSA from that in which they had resided a year earlier.

In all of these dimensions of mobility, except geographical, black men manifest a greater degree of movement than white men. For example, 55 percent of the white youth are employed by the same employer as contrasted with 45 percent of the black youth. About 55 percent of the whites, but only 46 percent of the blacks, are in the same occupational assignment.

Table 4.17 Work Status at Time of Survey Compared with One Year Earlier, by Highest Year of School Completed: Employed Males 20-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School Who Did Not Attend College, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Work status one year ago compared with present | Less than 12 years | 12 years | Total or average |
|--|--------------------|----------|------------------|
| WHITES | | | |
| Not working | 12 | 10 | 11 |
| Working with same employer | 49 | 60 | 55 |
| In same occupation | 40 | 46 | 44 |
| In different occupation, same major group | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| In different major occupation group | 7 | 10 | 8 |
| Working with different employer | 39 | 31 | 34 |
| In same occupation | 13 | 10 | 11 |
| In different occupation, same major group | 8 | 5 | 6 |
| In different major occupation group | 18 | 16 | 17 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,072 | 1,641 | 2,711 |
| BLACKS | | | |
| Not working | 6 | 15 | 10 |
| Working with same employer | 40 | 50 | 45 |
| In same occupation | 36 | 39 | 37 |
| In different occupation, same major group | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| In different major occupation group | 4 | 10 | 7 |
| Working with different employer | 53 | 34 | 46 |
| In same occupation | 9 | 8 | 9 |
| In different occupation, same major group | 7 | 3 | 5 |
| In different major occupation group | 37 | 23 | 32 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 300 | 223 | 521 |

Only in the extent of geographical movement is there no appreciable difference between the two color groups: 11 percent of the whites and 10 percent of the blacks have experienced a change of residence across county or SMSA lines.

Those young men of both color groups who have completed high school manifest more stable employment relationships than those who have not. In the case of the whites, 60 percent of those with high school diplomas but only 49 percent of those who did not graduate from high school are serving with the same employer. The corresponding proportions in the case of black youth are 50 percent and 40 percent.

As would be expected, inter-firm and occupational mobility are not independent of each other. A change of occupation is much more likely if a young man shifts employers during the course of a year than if he serves with the same employer continuously. Among white men who changed employers, only one-third remained in the same three-digit occupational category. Among those with the same employer, exactly four-fifths served in the same occupational category. It is interesting that of those who do make an occupational change, whether with the same employer or for a different employer, the change is much more likely to be substantial (from one major occupation group to another) than slight (within a major occupation group). In both cases, a shift across major occupation group lines is almost three times as likely as a shift within the same major occupation group. These patterns hold for the blacks, also. Black youth who change employers, however, are more likely than white to change their occupation (80 percent versus 68 percent).

Relationship between First Job and Current Job: Youth 20-24 Years of Age

Another way of examining the mobility patterns of youth is to examine the relationship between the job they currently have and the first job they took upon leaving school. Of the approximately 4.1 million young men between the ages of 20 and 24 who are not currently enrolled in school and who have had some work experience, 61 percent have worked for only one employer since leaving school. This proportion is very much the same for both whites (61 percent) and blacks (63 percent). Of the almost two-fifths of each color group who are no longer with the same employer for whom they started to work when they left school, the vast majority--an identical portion of each color group (77 percent)--left their first jobs voluntarily (Table 4.18). There are systematic differences in this proportion, however, depending upon the educational attainment of the youth and upon the type of occupation in his first job. Of the white youth with less than four years of high school, 72 percent terminated their first jobs voluntarily; among those who were college graduates, 97 percent of all separations were voluntary. In the case of the blacks, the number of young men with some college is too small for reliable analysis, but the relationship that has been described for the whites holds as between those with less than a high school diploma and those who are high school graduates.

Table 4.18 Reason for Leaving First Job after School, by Highest Year of School Completed and Occupation of First Job: Males 20-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School and No Longer on First Job Since Leaving School, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Reason for leaving first job after school | WHITES | | | | | BLACKS | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------|-------|------------|------------------|--------------|-----|-------|------------|------------------|
| | Less than 12 | 12 | 13-15 | 16 or more | Total or average | Less than 12 | 12 | 13-15 | 16 or more | Total or average |
| White collar | | | | | | | | | | |
| Voluntary | 84 | 84 | 88 | 94 | 87 | 84 | 67 | 38 | 100 | 72 |
| Involuntary | 16 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 13 | 16 | 33 | 62 | 0 | 28 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 49 | 284 | 110 | 64 | 507 | 19 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 45 |
| Blue collar | | | | | | | | | | |
| Voluntary | 73 | 70 | 84 | 100 | 73 | 66 | 78 | 71 | 0 | 71 |
| Involuntary | 27 | 30 | 16 | 0 | 27 | 34 | 22 | 29 | 100 | 29 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 552 | 666 | 122 | 49 | 1,389 | 117 | 88 | 7 | 1 | 213 |
| Total (1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Voluntary | 72 | 77 | 88 | 97 | 77 | 70 | 87 | 56 | 93 | 77 |
| Involuntary | 28 | 23 | 12 | 3 | 23 | 30 | 13 | 44 | 7 | 23 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 800 | 1,112 | 264 | 120 | 2,297 | 236 | 174 | 16 | 15 | 441 |

(1) Total includes service and farm occupations not shown separately.

White-collar workers are more likely than blue-collar workers to have terminated their first jobs voluntarily. The numbers of blacks are too small to test this relationship, but in the case of the whites, the ratio of voluntary quits to all separations from first job was 87 percent for white-collar workers and 73 percent for blue-collar workers. To some degree, of course, this relationship merely reflects the previously noted relationship between educational attainment and reason for separation from first job. Nevertheless, there is evidence in Table 4.18 that each of these independent variables exercises a separate influence. For example, among white high school graduates, voluntary separations are relatively more frequent in the case of white-collar than in the case of blue-collar workers. Within the white-collar group, those who attended college for some period were more likely to have left their first job voluntarily than those who had not gone beyond high school.

Occupational movement Young men in this age category are much more likely to have changed occupations since leaving school than to have changed employers (Table 4.19). Whereas six-tenths of the age group had served only one employer since leaving school, slightly less than one-fifth had been equally immobile with respect to occupation. About one-fifth had changed their occupational assignment within the same major occupation category, while three-fifths had changed major occupation group. On the basis of this measure, black youth are more mobile than white youth. Not only did a larger proportion of the blacks than of the whites change occupation between first and current job (87 percent versus 81 percent), but of those who did, a slightly larger proportion of the blacks than of the whites crossed major occupation groups.

Geographic movement The extent of geographic mobility between first and current job is, as might be expected, not nearly so great as is interfirm or occupational mobility. Nevertheless, the amount of geographic movement is by no means inconsequential. Exactly one-third of the white youth between the ages of 20 and 24 currently reside in a county of SMSA other than the one in which they took their first job after leaving school (Table 4.20). The proportion of black youth who have been geographically mobile is even larger--39 percent. In the case of the white youth, intrastate moves are considerably more prevalent than those involving longer distances. Among the blacks, on the other hand, moves between states are more common than those within a state. The migration from south to north is doubtless reflected in the fact that about one-sixth of the total number of black youth in the age category currently live in a different geographic division (Census) from that in which they took their first job. The corresponding proportion among the white youth is only about half as great.

It is interesting that there is a very pronounced relationship between geographic movement since the beginning of work career and geographic movement between school and first job. That is, young men whose first job was in a different geographic area from that in which they went to school are much more likely to have made a geographic move since having taken their

ble 4.19 Type of Occupational Mobility between First and Current Job, by Type of Occupation: Employed Males 20-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| of pational lity | White collar | Blue collar | Service | Farm | Total or average |
|---|-----------------|----------------|---------|------|------------------------|
| file e e 1 digit ferent 1 digit total percent total number (thousands) | WHITES | | | | |
| | 21 | 16 | 21 | 34 | 19 |
| | 79 | 84 | 79 | 65 | 81 |
| | 19 | 22 | 22 | 11 | 21 |
| | 60 | 62 | 57 | 54 | 61 |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 1,092 | 2,101 | 158 | 148 | 3,530 |
| file le e 1 digit ferent 1 digit total percent total number (thousands) | BLACKS | | | | |
| | 10 | 13 | 12 | 43 | 13 |
| | 90 | 87 | 88 | 57 | 87 |
| | 6 | 15 | 33 | 26 | 19 |
| | 84 | 72 | 55 | 31 | 68 |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 78 | 388 | 72 | 39 | 582 |

Table 4.20 Type of Geographic Mobility between First and Current Job, by
Type of Occupation of Current Job: Employed Males 20-24 Years
of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Type of geographic mobility | White collar | Blue collar | Service | Farm | Total or average |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------|------|------------------|
| WHITES | | | | | |
| Same county | 73 | 64 | 53 | 78 | 67 |
| Different county, same state | 13 | 22 | 28 | 15 | 19 |
| Different state, same division | 8 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 6 |
| Different division | 6 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 7 |
| Abroad | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,092 | 2,101 | 158 | 148 | 3,530 |
| BLACKS | | | | | |
| Same county | 62 | 60 | 65 | 68 | 62 |
| Different county, same state | 3 | 15 | 10 | 26 | 14 |
| Different state, same division | 14 | 9 | 22 | 3 | 11 |
| Different division | 21 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 14 |
| Abroad | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 78 | 388 | 72 | 39 | 582 |

first job than those who entered employment in the same county in which they had gone to school (Table 4.21). As has been seen, the proportion of the youth who made a geographic move between first and current job is 50 percent. But among those who last attended school in the same county as their first job, this proportion was only 21 percent. On the other hand, of those whose first job was in a different county from that in which they last attended school, fully 50 percent moved between first and current job. The same type of relationship prevails for the blacks. As would be expected, this relationship is strongest in the case of those young men who have had some college. However, it is by no means confined to them. For example, 29 percent of white youth who left school with a high school diploma currently work in a different county from that in which they began their working career. This proportion is only 21 percent in the case of those whose school and first job were located in the same county, but 50 percent in the case of those whose first job was elsewhere. The same type of relationship prevails for white high school dropouts and for black youth in both of these educational attainment categories.

Relationship between Geographic and Occupational Movement: Youth 20-24 Years of Age

When a young man makes a geographic move, he is much more likely to change occupation than when he remains in the same location (Table 4.22). Moreover, it also would appear that the probability of an occupational move is related to the distance of the geographic shift. For example, among white youth 20-24 years of age, 81 percent of those whose first and current jobs are in the same county have been occupationally mobile. This percentage rises to 83 percent for those who are currently in a different county of the same state, 85 percent for those who are in a different state within the same geographic division, and 89 percent for those who are in a different geographic division. When one takes into account the magnitude of the occupational change, the relationship is even more pronounced. Thus, 56 percent of those residing in the same county as their original job have moved to a different major occupation category, but of those currently residing in a geographic division different from that of their first job, 75 percent have shifted between major occupation groups. The basic relationship that has been described for the whites applies also in the case of the blacks. Among them, however, those who have moved between divisions or between states within the same division are somewhat less likely to have been occupationally mobile than those who simply made an intrastate move. This is certainly contrary to what one would have expected, and may be attributable to sampling variation, because the absolute number in each of the categories of movers is rather small.

SUMMARY

Characteristics of Current Job

This chapter has added another dimension to the differences in labor market behavior between male youth who are enrolled in school and those who are not. Not only are students less likely to be in the labor force

Table 4.21 Geographic Mobility between School and Work, by Highest Year of School Completed and Geographic Mobility between First and Current Job: Employed Males 20-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, (1) by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Geographic relation between first and current job | Less than 12 | | | 12 | | | 13 or more | | | Total or average | | |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|
| | Geographic relation between school and first job | | | Geographic relation between school and first job | | | Geographic relation between school and first job | | | Geographic relation between school and first job | | |
| | Same county | Different county | Total or average | Same county | Different county | Total or average | Same county | Different county | Total or average | Same county | Different county | Total or average |
| WHITES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Same county | 74 | 21 | 53 | 79 | 48 | 71 | 86 | 63 | 74 | 79 | 50 | 69 |
| Different county | 26 | 79 | 37 | 21 | 52 | 29 | 14 | 38 | 26 | 21 | 50 | 31 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 518 | 132 | 687 | 1,120 | 399 | 1,608 | 390 | 380 | 807 | 2,028 | 911 | 3,102 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Same county | 81 | 31 | 56 | 62 | 40 | 56 | 100 | 58 | 71 | 72 | 41 | 62 |
| Different county | 19 | 69 | 34 | 38 | 60 | 44 | 0 | 42 | 29 | 28 | 59 | 38 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 99 | 43 | 153 | 149 | 62 | 219 | 24 | 30 | 60 | 272 | 135 | 432 |

(1) Includes only those who have completed at least one year of high school.

Table 4.22 Type of Occupational Mobility between First and Current Job, by
Location of First Job Relative to Current Job: Employed Males
20-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Type of occupational mobility | Same county | Different county, same state | Different state, same division | Different division | Abroad | Total or average |
|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|
| WHITES | | | | | | |
| mobile | 19 | 17 | 15 | 11 | 29 | 19 |
| stable | 81 | 83 | 85 | 89 | 71 | 81 |
| Same 1 digit | 25 | 13 | 10 | 14 | 49 | 21 |
| Different 1 digit | 56 | 70 | 75 | 75 | 23 | 61 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 2,305 | 648 | 208 | 226 | 36 | 3,530 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | |
| mobile | 15 | 7 | 9 | 12 | -- | 13 |
| stable | 85 | 93 | 91 | 88 | -- | 87 |
| Same 1 digit | 18 | 22 | 11 | 20 | -- | 18 |
| Different 1 digit | 67 | 71 | 80 | 68 | -- | 68 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | -- | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 349 | 78 | 62 | 77 | 0 | 582 |

and more likely to be unemployed than nonstudents, but, when employed, the characteristics of their jobs are quite different. Students are much more likely than nonstudents to work only part time. Probably as a result, their occupational and industrial distributions differ substantially from those of nonstudents, even when differences in age are taken into account.

Whether enrolled in school or not, a young man's color has an important influence on his occupation and the length of service in his job, but relatively little on the industry in which he is employed or the way in which he found his job. Among nonstudents, whites work longer hours per week than blacks, but the relationship does not hold for students. Among those not enrolled in school, black youth earn less than white, controlling for age, major occupation group, and educational attainment. We have not been able to make a similar comparison among students because numbers in many of the categories are too small for reliable estimates.

For students and nonstudents alike, age bears a rather pronounced relationship to occupation and to number of hours worked per week and a somewhat weaker relationship to industry. How youth find their jobs also bears a relationship to age. For nonstudents, there is a strong positive relationship with length of service in current jobs, but for students this exists only among youth in their twenties.

The hourly rate of pay of young men 20-24 years of age not enrolled in school is remarkably uniform among major occupation groups. Among white youth the average is \$2.59 per hour, and the range for nonfarm occupations is only 80 cents--from \$2.07 (service) to \$2.87 (professional and technical). When these two extreme categories are eliminated, the remaining occupation groups fall within an 11-cent-per-hour spread. Hourly rate of pay is related positively to number of years of school completed, to the extent of occupational training outside of regular school, to good health, and to the size of the community in which the young man resides. As has been mentioned, there is also a pronounced inter-color differential in favor of the white youth. All these relationships likewise were found to exist in our previous study of males 45-59, but occupational differentials were much more pronounced for the older group.

Mobility Characteristics

Judged by the extent of job change either during the year prior to the survey or since having left school, employed young men in their early twenties display an impressive amount of mobility of all types. Since leaving school, two-fifths have worked for more than one employer. Occupational movement is even greater, for a considerable portion of it takes place within the firm. Four-fifths of the young men changed occupations between first and current jobs, and a substantial majority of these occupational moves (about three-fourths) were from one major occupation group to another. While geographic movement is not so

uent as either interfirm or occupational shifts, it is nevertheless tantial: approximately one-third of the young men between 20 and 24 s of age currently reside in a different local area from that in which took their first job after leaving school. There are relationships g the various types of job movement. While occupational moves may r with or without interfirm shifts, they appear to be more common g those who change their employers than among those who do not. Among g men who move geographically, occupational change is much more likely among those who remain in the same local area, and the magnitude of occupational change tends to be greater for long-distance than for t-distance movers.

Of the two-fifths of the young men 20-24 years of age who are no er working for their first employers, about three-fourths left their t jobs voluntarily. This proportion is the same for both white and k youth, but varies according to educational attainment and according. occupation of first job for both color groups. A job shift is more ly to be voluntary for white-collar than for blue-collar workers. pendent of type of occupation, the proportion of separations that voluntary increases with years of schooling. But while we know that of such early job shifting is voluntary, we are not yet in a position escribe the circumstances under which it takes place, the processes hich it occurs, or its consequences in terms of wage improvement. e are matters at which the longitudinal analysis will be directed on basis of information collected in the subsequent surveys.

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an economic system in which individuals are free to choose among occupations and specific jobs, effective allocation of human resources upon workers and potential workers having accurate labor market information. The market's measure of the relative social importance of different occupations and different jobs is reflected in differential economic rewards. These, in turn, are presumed to attract individuals to those occupations and jobs where their contribution to the social welfare will be at a maximum. But this can occur only if workers have a fairly good knowledge of the range of alternatives for which they potentially qualify and of the rewards (and costs) attached to each. And complete labor market information also is important from the point of view of the individual. Whatever his particular employment goals, his abilities of achieving them are enhanced by full knowledge of the nature and characteristics of alternative employment opportunities.

What kinds of specific labor market information should individuals have? The answer depends, in part, upon the stage of the life cycle. When in school, for example, it is particularly important that they have knowledge of the full range of occupations potentially available to them, the characteristics and rewards of different types of work, and of the requirements. Only on the basis of this kind of information can decisions be made about the amount and type of education and training to pursue. For adults, on the other hand, while such information is entirely irrelevant, it is rather less important, since the range of occupations open to most adults, for all practical purposes, is restricted as narrowly as a result of educational decisions made in the past, and of previous work experience. They are more likely than youth to focus on the type of work as given, and to focus on the choice of specific

For both adults and youth--at least if the latter choose to work--it is important to have knowledge of available employment opportunities in their communities and elsewhere. Which firms in the area have openings in what occupational categories? Which firms are the best employers in terms of wage rates, fringe benefits, and other factors that influence job satisfaction or dissatisfaction with work? Are opportunities greater in the local area, either in terms of job vacancies or in terms of wages, working conditions, or other perquisites?

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It seems reasonable to hypothesize that the degree of success a worker experiences in the labor market is associated with the extent of his labor market information. Specifically, for the group of young men under consideration in this study, we would expect the extent of labor market information, other things being equal, to be positively related to the wage rate of those who are employed and to the extent of occupational and wage improvement over time. We would anticipate an inverse relationship between amount of unemployment and the extent of labor market information, since those with more knowledge should have higher probabilities of finding work. Finally, over the years covered by this study, we should expect greater congruence between occupational aspirations and realizations among those with much knowledge than among those with little knowledge of the labor market. This is so because those with greater knowledge are likely to have more realistic aspirations and because they are more likely to be able to translate a given aspiration into reality.

The Occupational Information Test

Our measure of "knowledge of the world or work" is a very limited one, consisting of three components. The first of these involves occupational identification. Respondents were asked to select one of three statements that best describes the duties of each of ten occupations--hospital orderly, machinist, acetylene welder, stationary engineer, statistical clerk, fork lift operator, economist, medical illustrator, draftsman, and social worker. The second component involves the typical educational attainment of men in each of these same ten occupations: "How much regular schooling do you think hospital orderlies usually have?" Third, respondents were asked, for each of eight pairs of occupations, which one provides the highest average annual earnings: "Who do you think earns more in a year, a man who is an automobile mechanic or an electrician?" Standards for scoring the second and third components were derived from 1960 census data on occupation by highest year of school achieved and median earnings by occupation.¹

¹ The test was scored as follows: each of the occupational identification questions was assigned two points, so that scores on this component could range from 0 to 20. On the educational component, respondents were given four choices for each occupation: "less than a high school diploma, a high school diploma, some college, a college degree." For most of the occupations, responses were scored either 0, if incorrect (or if the occupational identification itself was incorrect) or 2, if correct. In several cases, either of two responses was given full credit, or one response was given full credit and another half credit. For example, in the case of stationary engineer, 2 points were awarded for either the response "high school diploma" or "less than a high school diploma." (In 1960, 45 percent of male stationary engineers had less than a high school education, but 24 percent were graduated from high school and 31 percent had gone beyond.) In the case of machinist, 2 points were given for the

is clear that only a small portion of what has been defined as market information is covered by the measure that we have used. The of occupations included is exceedingly small, although virtually major occupational strata are represented. Moreover, the test is no measure of knowledge of employment opportunities in the local area. The time constraints on the interview and the fact that the questions be applicable to a national sample of young men ranging in age from 14 and representing all socioeconomic levels imposed substantial limitations on what was feasible. Nevertheless, we have been unable to find any other attempt to relate a measure of occupational information to labor market experience.³ Our preliminary findings, described below, provide some basis for optimism that the test results will have predictive value.

0 for "less than a high school diploma" and 1 point for "high school graduate or more." (In 1960, 61 percent of male machinists were in the former category and 32 percent in the latter.) The earnings component was scored 1 point for a correct answer, 0 points for an incorrect answer.

Two scores were computed for each respondent. One of these was based on the occupational identification component, with a possible range of 0 to 20. The other was a composite score based on all three components, with a possible range of 0 to 56. On the basis of each of these, respondents were classified into three categories: low (0-10 on the identification component, 0-20 on the composite); medium (11-17 on the identification component, 21-37 on the composite); high (18-20 on the identification component and 38-56 on the composite). In all of the analysis reported here the composite scores are used.

For a large portion of the young men, there is a simple measure of labor market information. Employed workers were asked what they would do if they lost their current jobs. Those who indicated that they would look for another job were asked "Are there any particular companies in this area where you would like to apply?" and, if so, "Why do you mention these particular companies?" Respondents able to mention alternative employers in the area may be presumed to have better labor market knowledge than those who cannot.

In a longitudinal study of adolescent boys being conducted by the Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan under the direction of Gerald G. Bachman, a job information test has been administered to the sons of high school youth. A series of 25 questions of the true-false or multiple choice type relates to the characteristics of a variety of jobs (e.g., income, status, hours of work) and the educational requirements for entry. In this study, the job information test is designed to assess the general educational development of the respondents as a means of assessing and predicting success in school. See Gerald G. Bachman, Youth in Transition (Ann Arbor: Survey Research Center, 1967) pp. 64-66, 69-71.

Age, education, and color When young men 14-24 years of age are cross-classified by color, age, school enrollment status, and educational attainment, there is an unmistakably clear pattern that reveals a strong influence of both age and educational attainment on the extent of occupational information (Table 5.1).

The influence of age can best be observed among those not enrolled in school.⁴ As an example, consider white youngsters who have left school after receiving a high school diploma. In all, just about half of these (49 percent) score high on the knowledge test; by age, the proportions are 30 percent for those 14-17 years old, 44 percent for those 18-19 years, and 53 percent for those in their twenties. A similar pattern is discernible among all of the other educational attainment categories, except those who did not even reach high school. For them, there is no relation between age and work knowledge. The predominant pattern among white youth would seem to indicate that additional years of exposure to the labor market--or perhaps just additional years of life and experience--produce greater occupational knowledge among male youth in their teens and early twenties. However, in the case of black youth, the relation between age and work knowledge is not nearly so clear. Among high school graduates, where the total number is largest, young men in their twenties are no more knowledgeable than those in their teens.

Among both blacks and whites, the relationship of educational attainment to knowledge of the labor market is dramatic. Two examples will suffice: among white men 20-24 years of age not enrolled in school, the proportion with high knowledge scores rises from 13 percent for those with less than nine years of schooling to 41 percent of those who completed one to three years of high school, 53 percent of those with high school diplomas, 75 percent of those with one to three years of college, and 87 percent of those who had four or more years of college. Among black men in the same age category, the corresponding proportions range from 6 percent to 50 percent. To some extent, it appears that education can operate as a substitute for labor market experience. For example, whites in their twenties who are not enrolled in school but have between one and three years of high school do about as well as those in their teens who are high school graduates.

As some of the preceding data suggest, the differences in labor market information between whites and blacks are dramatic. Of all those out of school, only 14 percent of the blacks, as compared with 46 percent of whites, score high in knowledge of the world of work. Part of this

⁴ Among those in school, it is virtually impossible to obtain a pure age effect from the tabular data because of the high association between age and year in school.

STATUS, AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT MALES 14-24 YEARS OF AGE, BY COLOR

Status, and Educational Attainment Males 14-24 Years of Age, by Color

| Age and occupational information score | Enrolled in school - current year of school | | | | Not enrolled - highest year of school completed | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------|-------|-------|---|------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|------------|------------------|
| | 8 or less | 9-11 | 12 | 13-15 | 16 or more | Total or average | 8 or less | 9-11 | 12 | 13-15 | 16 or more | Total or average |
| WHITES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14-17 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total number (thousands) | 232 | 3,897 | 1,169 | 425 | 8 | 5,731 | 153 | 187 | 209 | 0 | 0 | 549 |
| Percent low | 67 | 33 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 28 | 58 | 34 | 17 | -- | -- | 34 |
| Percent high | 2 | 18 | 38 | 55 | 0 | 24 | 10 | 22 | 30 | -- | -- | 22 |
| 18-19 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total number (thousands) | 0 | 71 | 159 | 1,287 | 27 | 1,545 | 141 | 276 | 688 | 84 | 0 | 1,188 |
| Percent low | -- | 40 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 63 | 24 | 13 | 6 | -- | 21 |
| Percent high | -- | 16 | 38 | 67 | 81 | 62 | 10 | 32 | 44 | 51 | -- | 38 |
| 20-24 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total number (thousands) | 0 | 8 | 13 | 604 | 742 | 1,368 | 406 | 725 | 1,677 | 523 | 335 | 3,665 |
| Percent low | -- | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 18 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Percent high | -- | 56 | 27 | 76 | 90 | 83 | 13 | 41 | 53 | 75 | 87 | 52 |
| Total 14-24 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total number (thousands) | 232 | 3,977 | 1,342 | 2,317 | 776 | 8,644 | 699 | 1,188 | 2,573 | 607 | 335 | 5,402 |
| Percent low | 67 | 34 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 20 | 57 | 22 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 17 |
| Percent high | 2 | 18 | 38 | 67 | 89 | 40 | 12 | 36 | 49 | 72 | 87 | 46 |

Table 5.1 Continued

| Age and occupational information score | Enrolled in school: current year of school | | | | | Not enrolled in school | | | | | highest year completed | | Total or average |
|--|--|------|-----|-------|------------|------------------------|-----------|------|-----|-------|------------------------|-----|------------------|
| | 8 or less | 9-11 | 12 | 13-15 | 16 or more | Total or average | 8 or less | 9-11 | 12 | 13-15 | 16 or more | | |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14-17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total number (thousands) | 101 | 596 | 130 | 34 | 0 | 861 | 50 | 66 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 140 | |
| Percent low | 88 | 63 | 36 | 12 | -- | 60 | 92 | 69 | 16 | -- | -- | 68 | |
| Percent high | 0 | 5 | 21 | 24 | -- | 8 | 0 | 4 | 30 | -- | -- | 7 | |
| 18-19 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total number (thousands) | 0 | 18 | 32 | 72 | 0 | 123 | 33 | 75 | 84 | 7 | 0 | 198 | |
| Percent low | -- | 82 | 69 | 19 | -- | 41 | 90 | 73 | 25 | 18 | -- | 54 | |
| Percent high | -- | 0 | 10 | 49 | -- | 31 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 18 | -- | 7 | |
| 20-24 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total number (thousands) | 0 | 2 | 2 | 56 | 34 | 95 | 145 | 182 | 238 | 40 | 21 | 624 | |
| Percent low | -- | 45 | 0 | 18 | 4 | 13 | 73 | 52 | 30 | 10 | 0 | 44 | |
| Percent high | -- | 0 | 56 | 55 | 70 | 59 | 6 | 14 | 20 | 49 | 50 | 18 | |
| Total 14-24 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total number (thousands) | 102 | 617 | 165 | 162 | 34 | 1,078 | 227 | 323 | 346 | 46 | 21 | 963 | |
| Percent low | 88 | 64 | 42 | 17 | 4 | 54 | 80 | 60 | 28 | 11 | 0 | 50 | |
| Percent high | 0 | 5 | 19 | 46 | 70 | 15 | 4 | 10 | 19 | 45 | 50 | 14 | |

ference, of course, reflects differences in educational attainment between the two color groups. Yet even when age, school enrollment status, and educational attainment are controlled simultaneously, there is scarcely a category in which the white youth do not have a clear advantage in knowledge of the labor market. Selecting the categories in which numbers are large enough to provide reliable estimates, we note that among young men in their early twenties who left school with a high school diploma, whites are two-and-a-half times as likely as blacks to score high on the labor market knowledge test (53 percent versus 20 percent). Among boys 14-17 who are enrolled in the first three years of high school, whites are over three times as likely to score high (18 percent versus 5 percent), and only about half as likely to score low (18 percent versus 63 percent).

Cultural influences at age 14 How much a teenager knows about the world of work depends, in considerable degree, upon his socioeconomic status and upon the kind of influences that bear upon him in the home (Table 5.2). Focusing attention on boys between the ages of 14 and 17,⁵ nine-tenths of whom are enrolled in school, it is apparent to begin with that there are substantial differences between those living in rural areas and those living in urban areas. Of those white youth with rural residences, whether farm or nonfarm, less than one-fifth score high on our occupational information test, in contrast with over a fourth of those living in urban areas. Among all those in urban areas, size of community does not seem to make much difference with respect to the amount of knowledge the youngster has about the world of work. Those living in communities of 100,000 or over have scores substantially the same as those in communities of fewer than 25,000 population. Indeed, even those living in suburbs of large cities have no larger a proportion with high scores than those in other urban communities, although they do have a somewhat larger proportion of individuals in the lowest score category.

⁵ Much of the analysis is based upon young men 14-17 in order to avoid the necessity of controlling for educational attainment. This youngest age group is homogeneous from the standpoint that over 90 percent of them are enrolled in school, and, of these, about 90 percent are in high school. In older age groups, there is much greater diversity in enrollment status and educational attainment. If explanatory variables correlated with educational attainment are used for the older age groups, a relationship with occupational information scores may reflect simply the strong association that has been seen to exist between educational attainment and extent of occupational information. For example, residents of rural areas are less likely than urban residents to go to college. Among youth 20 to 24 years of age, therefore, higher occupational information scores for youth who (at age 14) lived in urban areas rather than rural areas might simply reflect the greater likelihood of their having had a college education. Confining the analysis to the youngest year group, in cases of this kind, does not completely eliminate the problem, but reduces it very considerably.

Table 5.2 Proportions with High and Low Scores on Occupational Information Test, by Selected Socioeconomic Characteristics: Males 14-17 Years of Age, by Color

| Socio-economic characteristic | WHITES | | | BLACKS | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent with high scores | Percent with low scores | Total number (thousands) | Percent with high scores |
| Residence at age 14 | | | | | |
| Rural farm | 771 | 18 | 41 | 157 | 11 |
| Rural nonfarm | 670 | 18 | 36 | 104 | 11 |
| Town (under 25,000) | 1,868 | 24 | 26 | 204 | 11 |
| City (25,000-100,000) | 1,042 | 27 | 29 | 136 | 11 |
| Large city (100,000 and over) | 1,273 | 27 | 25 | 375 | 11 |
| Suburb of large city | 639 | 26 | 20 | 26 | 11 |
| Total or average | 6,280 | 24 | 29 | 1,001 | 11 |
| Occupation of father when youth age 14 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | |
| Professional and technical | 672 | 33 | 16 | 27 | 11 |
| Nonfarm managers and proprietors | 946 | 34 | 19 | 16 | 11 |
| Clerical | 274 | 35 | 22 | 25 | 11 |
| Sales | 363 | 28 | 24 | 9 | 11 |
| Craftsmen and foremen | 1,371 | 22 | 29 | 117 | 11 |
| Operatives | 1,013 | 15 | 34 | 214 | 11 |
| Nonfarm laborers | 312 | 21 | 36 | 154 | 11 |
| Service | 258 | 23 | 34 | 167 | 14 |
| Farmers and farm managers | 434 | 19 | 42 | 76 | 11 |
| Farm laborers | 92 | 4 | 51 | 46 | 11 |
| Armed forces | 111 | 28 | 24 | 8 | 11 |
| Total or average | 6,280 | 24 | 29 | 1,001 | 11 |
| Exposure to reading material at age 14 | | | | | |
| Family had library card and regularly got newspaper(s) and magazine(s) | 4,023 | 28 | 22 | 317 | 14 |
| Family lacked one or more of above | 2,239 | 16 | 40 | 680 | 11 |
| Lacked one | 1,553 | 19 | 36 | 267 | 11 |
| Lacked two | 529 | 10 | 46 | 234 | 11 |
| Lacked three | 157 | 8 | 61 | 179 | 11 |
| Total or average | 6,280 | 24 | 29 | 1,001 | 11 |

(1) Occupation of head of household is used if respondent not living with father at age 14

Among black youngsters, the influence of type of community is even pronounced, although the pattern is somewhat different. The rural vs display a perceptible difference depending on whether they live on farms or in nonfarm settings. Of those in urban situations, there is no difference between those in small towns (under 25,000) and those in large communities. To consider the extremes, 2 percent of those on the score high and 83 percent score low, while in cities of 25,000 or more, a tenth score high and about half score low. Those in rural farm settings and those in small towns lie between these two extremes.

There is a strong relationship between the amount of knowledge a teenager has about the labor market and the socioeconomic level of father's occupation. Approximately a third of the sons of white-collar workers score high on the test as contrasted with under a fifth of those from blue-collar families, and a seventh of those from farm families. Sons of service workers fall between those from white-collar and those from blue-collar families. Within the white-collar group, there are no substantial differences among the sons of professionals, managers, and clerical workers.

Among the blacks, although the numbers are too small for confident conclusions, it appears also to be true that sons of white-collar workers are more knowledgeable about the labor market than sons of blue-collar workers. However, sons of service workers are not very much different from those of white-collar workers. Sons of farm workers have the least amount of knowledge. Within every socioeconomic level, the knowledge of black youth is considerably lower than that of white youth. For example, among sons of craftsmen, a fifth of the white youngsters, but only a tenth of the black, score high on the knowledge test.

The extent to which the young teenager is exposed to reading material at home has a very strong relationship with how much he knows about the world of work. White boys between the ages of 14 and 17 whose families had books, magazines, and newspapers have substantially better knowledge about the world of work than those whose families lacked any one of these. Over a fourth of the former score high as contrasted with less than a sixth of the latter. Of those who have all three forms of written materials in their homes, only 22 percent score low as compared with 60 percent of those who lack one or more of the three. Moreover, there is a systematic and strong relationship between the extent of cultural deprivation as measured by this variable and the extent of labor market knowledge. For example, of those who lack only one of the media, 19 percent score low; of those who lack two, 46 percent score low; of those who lack all three, 61 percent score low. The corresponding percentages with high scores are 19, 10, and 8. The pattern in the case of black youth is identical. The proportion of youngsters scoring high is 14 percent among those whose families have all three media as compared with less than half of 1 percent of those whose families have none. Correspondingly, the proportions scoring low range from 37 percent to 89 percent.

A good portion of the difference in occupational information between white and black youth is attributable to differences in this measure of their cultural background, since white youngsters are much more likely than black to have magazines, newspapers, and library cards in their homes. Almost two-thirds of the whites, but less than one-third of the blacks, have all three; 18 percent of the blacks, but only 3 percent of the whites, have none. Nevertheless, even within each category, blacks have considerably lower test scores than do whites. In families with all three media, 28 percent of the whites and 14 percent of the blacks score high. In the most culturally deprived families (by this measure), 8 percent of the whites and less than half of 1 percent of the blacks score high; 61 percent of the whites and 89 percent of the blacks score low.

Educational experience A number of facets of school experience also are related to the extent of a youngster's knowledge of the world of work (Table 5.3). It is not clear to what extent these represent independent influences, since there is doubtless a very high correlation between some of the cultural influences referred to above and the elements of school experience to be described here. Nevertheless, it is perhaps worth noting that the amount of work knowledge possessed by a youngster of high school age is related to such factors as his high school curriculum, the amount of time he spends on homework, and his favorite extracurricular pastime. White youngsters 14-17 years old who are (or have been) in the college preparatory high school curriculum have much higher scores on the occupational information test than those in the general or vocational curricula. (The youth in the commercial curriculum are too few to afford a basis for a confident estimate.) Over a third of those in the college preparatory curriculum, as compared with only a sixth in the general curriculum, score high on the test; 16 percent of those in the college preparatory curriculum score low, as compared with 34 percent of those in the general curriculum. Those in the vocational curriculum have the lowest scores of all, 14 percent scoring high and 40 percent scoring low. Blacks in the college preparatory curriculum manifest the highest knowledge of the world of work, but the other relationships that prevail for the whites do not obtain. Specifically, those in the vocational curriculum do at least as well, and perhaps slightly better, than those in the general curriculum.

Probably highly related to high school curriculum is the number of hours per week the student normally spends on homework. This variable also shows a substantial relationship to the extent of knowledge about the labor market in the case of both whites and blacks. For example, among white youngsters 14-17 years of age, high scores are obtained by 22 percent of those who spend less than five hours per week on homework and by 32 percent of those who spend ten or more hours per week.

Young teenagers who spend most of their nonschool hours reading appear to have a substantial advantage in knowledge of the world of work over those who spend their time in other ways (Table 5.3). Thirty-eight

| Aspect of high school experience | WHITES | | | BLACKS | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent with high scores | Percent with low scores | Total number (thousands) | Percent with high scores | Percent with low scores |
| Curriculum (1) | | | | | | |
| College preparatory | 2,523 | 36 | 16 | 188 | 21 | 31 |
| General | 2,505 | 16 | 34 | 509 | 4 | 62 |
| Vocational | 517 | 14 | 40 | 100 | 9 | 64 |
| Commercial | 146 | 33 | 20 | 29 | 11 | 68 |
| Total or average | 5,895 | 25 | 26 | 849 | 9 | 56 |
| Hours per week spent on homework (2) | | | | | | |
| Less than 5 | 1,239 | 22 | 30 | 131 | 2 | 62 |
| 5-9 | 1,956 | 27 | 24 | 275 | 12 | 49 |
| 10 or more | 1,727 | 32 | 17 | 281 | 12 | 48 |
| Total or average | 4,978 | 27 | 23 | 692 | 10 | 52 |
| Activity absorbing most of nonschool time (2) | | | | | | |
| Reading | 215 | 38 | 11 | 52 | 17 | 25 |
| Work for pay | 800 | 34 | 18 | 113 | 12 | 46 |
| Nonschool sports | 1,162 | 25 | 25 | 195 | 10 | 52 |
| Hobby | 664 | 25 | 21 | 52 | 17 | 47 |
| Other | 1,891 | 26 | 25 | 237 | 9 | 57 |
| Total or average | 4,978 | 27 | 23 | 692 | 10 | 52 |

(1) All respondents with some high school.

(2) All respondents with at least one year of high school, but less than one year of college.

percent of the white youth whose chief nonschool activity is reading, compared with 27 percent of the total group, score high on the occupational information test; only 11 percent score low, as compared with 23 percent of the total group. The youngsters whose principal nonschool activity is working for pay also have above average scores on the occupational information test. The proportion of this group scoring high is almost as great as for those who spend most of their time reading (34 percent versus 38 percent). However, the proportion scoring low is considerably greater than the proportion of those whose chief activity is reading (18 percent versus 11 percent). Blacks 14-17 years of age whose principal pastime is reading also appear to have an advantage in the occupational information test over other youngsters of the same age, although the numbers are too small to permit a confident statement on this matter.

Vocational training outside of regular school Whether a young man has participated in a vocational training program outside of regular school has a very pronounced relationship to the amount of knowledge he has about the world of work, although the association between educational attainment and training makes it impossible to know at this stage of the analysis how much of this represents an independent effect of training (Table 5.4). Among white men 14-24 years of age who have had no college, the proportion of those with no training who score high on the occupational information test is about one-third, as compared to almost half of those who have had some training. Conversely, over a fourth of those with no training score low on the test, in contrast to about 10 percent of those who have had some training. The relationship is even more dramatic in the case of black men. Only 8 percent of those with no training score high, as compared with slightly more than 25 percent of those who have had training; over half with no training score low in comparison with only 36 percent of those who have had some training.

Unlike the other factors which have been considered thus far, it is not clear what the direction of causation is between vocational training and knowledge of the world of work, assuming that a relationship independent of education does in fact exist. On the one hand, it may be argued that certain types of vocational training contribute to occupational information in the same way that general education does. On the other hand, it is equally reasonable to suppose that persons with superior labor market knowledge also are more likely to be aware of and to be interested in taking advantage of training opportunities. If the latter is the basic explanation for the relationship, it suggests that programs of occupational information will result in more widespread participation in training programs. If the former is the explanation, it suggests that training programs produce benefits in increased labor market awareness in addition to the particular skills they may impart.

| Extent of vocational training | WHITES | | | BLACKS | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent with high scores | Percent with low scores | Total number (thousands) | Percent with high scores | Percent with low scores |
| None | 2,363 | 33 | 28 | 677 | 8 | 57 |
| One type of program | 1,422 | 44 | 12 | 162 | 24 | 39 |
| Two or more types of programs | 640 | 55 | 9 | 49 | 29 | 28 |
| Total or average | 4,460 | 40 | 20 | 896 | 12 | 52 |

Table 5.5 Number of Companies Named as Alternative Sources of Work, by Score on Occupational Information Test: Employed Males 20-24 Years of Age Who Would Seek Other Work if Permanently Laid Off, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Number of companies (1) | WHITES | | | | BLACKS | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| | High scores | Medium scores | Low scores | Total or average | High scores | Medium scores | Low scores | Total or average |
| None | 46 | 42 | 60 | 46 | 53 | 51 | 57 | 54 |
| One | 20 | 21 | 13 | 19 | 10 | 15 | 23 | 18 |
| Two or more | 35 | 38 | 26 | 35 | 37 | 34 | 21 | 28 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,310 | 854 | 335 | 2,499 | 72 | 192 | 227 | 492 |

(1) Employed respondents who said they would seek other work if they lost their current jobs were asked whether there "are any particular companies in this area where you would apply?" Categories indicate the number of companies respondents named.

The Labor Market Consequences of Occupational Information

Hypotheses about the effects of variation in labor market information for the most part, will be tested as our longitudinal work histories unfold in the follow-up surveys of the next five years. Nevertheless, data from the initial survey provide some support for the belief that labor market information affects some aspects of a young man's achievements in the employment market.

Knowledge about relevant employers in area To begin with, it is encouraging to note a relationship between scores on the occupational information test and the ability of employed young men to name employers in the local area with whom they might seek work if they lost their present jobs (Table 5.5). Among employed white men between the ages of 20 and 24, only 39 percent of those who score low on the work test are able to name another employer as contrasted with over 55 percent of those with medium and high scores. Among the black men in the same age group, 44 percent of those with low scores are able to name an alternative employer as compared with almost 50 percent of those with medium or high scores. Thus it would appear that the various facets of labor market information are not independent of one another. Young men who have above average occupational knowledge also appear to be better informed about alternative sources of employment within the local labor market area.

Change in skill and responsibility in past year All of the young men who were employed at the time of the survey and who reported that they were working a year prior to the interview were asked to appraise the skill and responsibility required in their present job as compared with their work a year earlier (Tables 5.6 and 5.7). Of the total age group of whites, 60 percent feel that their jobs involve more responsibility and 47 percent believe that their jobs demand more skill than their work required a year ago. In the case of black men, the corresponding proportions are 49 percent and 41 percent. Only about a tenth of each color group believe that there has been a decline in the responsibility and/or skill required in their work.

In virtually every age-color group there is a positive relationship between test score and likelihood of increasing skill or responsibility during the previous 12 months (Tables 5.6 and 5.7). For the total age group of whites, the proportion experiencing an increase in skill is two-fifths of those with low scores and half of those with high scores. The corresponding proportions experiencing an increase in responsibility are 54 percent and 63 percent, respectively. In the case of black men,

5.6 Score on Occupational Information Test, by Age and Change in Skill Required on Job during Past Year: Males 14-24 Years of Age Employed in October 1965 and 1966, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Skill Required on Job during Past Year | WHITES | | | | BLACKS | | | |
|--|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| | High scores | Medium scores | Low scores | Total or average | High scores | Medium scores | Low scores | Total or average |
| High skill | 40 | 39 | 35 | 38 | 37 | 38 | 24 | 29 |
| Medium skill | 56 | 49 | 59 | 54 | 40 | 53 | 68 | 61 |
| Low skill | 4 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 23 | 9 | 8 | 10 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 456 | 757 | 470 | 1,683 | 18 | 69 | 137 | 224 |
| High skill | 54 | 48 | 43 | 50 | 52 | 38 | 31 | 36 |
| Medium skill | 39 | 38 | 44 | 39 | 27 | 54 | 59 | 54 |
| Low skill | 7 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 22 | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 621 | 520 | 185 | 1,326 | 17 | 57 | 75 | 148 |
| High skill | 51 | 49 | 43 | 50 | 50 | 54 | 40 | 47 |
| Medium skill | 41 | 41 | 47 | 42 | 23 | 37 | 48 | 40 |
| Low skill | 8 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 26 | 9 | 12 | 13 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 2,148 | 1,151 | 410 | 3,710 | 94 | 202 | 249 | 545 |
| 14-24 | | | | | | | | |
| High skill | 50 | 46 | 39 | 47 | 49 | 48 | 34 | 41 |
| Medium skill | 42 | 43 | 52 | 44 | 26 | 44 | 56 | 47 |
| Low skill | 8 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 25 | 9 | 10 | 12 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 3,225 | 2,428 | 1,065 | 6,719 | 129 | 327 | 461 | 917 |

Table 5.7 Score on Occupational Information Test, by Age and Change in Responsibility Involved in Job during Past Year: Males 14-24 Years of Age Employed in October of 1965 and 1966, by Color (Percentage distribution)

| Age and change in responsibility | WHITES | | | | BLACKS | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| | High scores | Medium scores | Low scores | Total of average | High scores | Medium scores | Low scores | Total of average |
| 14-17 | | | | | | | | |
| More responsibility | 55 | 51 | 52 | 52 | 64 | 47 | 34 | 40 |
| Same responsibility | 38 | 37 | 43 | 39 | 30 | 42 | 61 | 53 |
| Less responsibility | 6 | 12 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 11 | 5 | 7 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 456 | 757 | 470 | 1,683 | 18 | 69 | 137 | 224 |
| 18-19 | | | | | | | | |
| More responsibility | 67 | 63 | 57 | 64 | 52 | 48 | 35 | 42 |
| Same responsibility | 24 | 23 | 35 | 25 | 48 | 46 | 56 | 51 |
| Less responsibility | 9 | 14 | 8 | 11 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 7 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 621 | 520 | 185 | 1,326 | 17 | 57 | 75 | 148 |
| 20-24 | | | | | | | | |
| More responsibility | 64 | 60 | 55 | 62 | 51 | 59 | 52 | 54 |
| Same responsibility | 27 | 31 | 30 | 28 | 21 | 36 | 40 | 35 |
| Less responsibility | 10 | 9 | 15 | 10 | 28 | 6 | 8 | 11 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 2,148 | 1,151 | 410 | 3,710 | 94 | 202 | 249 | 545 |
| Total 14-24 | | | | | | | | |
| More responsibility | 63 | 58 | 54 | 60 | 53 | 54 | 44 | 49 |
| Same responsibility | 28 | 31 | 36 | 30 | 26 | 39 | 49 | 42 |
| Less responsibility | 9 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 21 | 7 | 7 | 9 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 3,225 | 2,428 | 1,065 | 6,719 | 129 | 327 | 461 | 917 |

d of those with low scores report moving upward in terms of skill
pared with a half of those with high scores. In terms of respon-
ty required in their jobs, the corresponding proportions are 44
t and 53 percent. These data indicate that men with better occupa-
information are more likely, at least by their own assessment, to
mproved their labor market position during the past year than those
knowledge of the labor market is less adequate. On the other hand,
curious that those with superior occupational information are no
likely than others to have moved down in skill and responsibility;
, such black youth are more likely to have done so.

hourly rate of pay The average hourly earnings of employed young
enrolled in school bear a rather pronounced relationship to the
of their occupational information. When we control for years of
ing or for current occupation, mean rate of pay increases as scores
occupational information test increase for all those educational
occupational categories of both color groups with enough sample
tions to permit reasonably reliable estimates.⁶ For example,
youth 20-24 years of age who have not completed high school and
gh occupational information scores earn almost 25 percent more
r (\$2.48 versus \$2.00) than those with low scores (Table 5.8).
hite men who ended their education with a high school diploma
e high test scores earn \$2.74 per hour compared with \$2.50 for
ith medium scores, a differential of 10 percent.

e number of black high school dropouts with high scores on the
ional information test is too small for a reliable estimate of
hourly earnings, but those with medium scores register a nine-cent
r (or 6 percent) differential over those with low scores. Among
ck high school graduates, there is a systematic increase in mean
pay as test scores rise. Those with low scores earn \$1.87 per
hose with medium scores, \$2.02; and those with high scores, \$2.25.
epresent relative differentials of 8 percent between those with
those with medium scores, and 20 percent between those with low
se with high scores.

ie collar is the only type of occupation in which there are suf-
numbers of nonstudents between 20 and 24 years of age in the
test score categories to permit a confident analysis of the
between occupational information test score and rate of pay.
whites and blacks in this occupational category, there is a
and consistent tendency for rate of pay to increase as test scores
ble 5.9). Among the whites the differential between those with
those with high scores is 44 cents per hour, or 19 percent; among
the corresponding differential is 66 cents, or 40 percent.

We show mean hourly rates of pay only when they are based upon
30 sample cases.

Table 5.8 Mean Hourly Rate of Pay, by Highest Year of School Completed and Score on Occupational Information Test: Employed Male $\frac{1}{2}$ and Salary Workers 20-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color

| Highest year of school completed | High | Medium | Low | Average |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| WHITES | | | | |
| 11 or less | \$ 2.48 | \$ 2.44 | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2.33 |
| 12 | 2.74 | 2.50 | (a) | 2.64 |
| 13-15 | 2.90 | (a) | (a) | 2.77 |
| 16 or more | 3.06 | (a) | (a) | 2.93 |
| Average | 2.77 | 2.47 | 2.19 | 2.59 |
| BLACKS | | | | |
| 11 or less | (a) | \$ 1.51 | \$ 1.42 | \$1.52 |
| 12 | \$ 2.25 | 2.02 | 1.87 | 2.02 |
| 13-15 | (a) | (a) | (a) | (a) |
| 16 or more | (a) | (a) | (a) | (a) |
| Average | 2.29 | 1.95 | 1.55 | 1.84 |

(a) Means not shown where sample cases number fewer than 30.

le 5.9 Mean Hourly Rate of Pay, by Score on Occupational Information
 Test: Employed Male Blue-Collar Wage and Salary Workers 20-24
 Years of Age, Not Enrolled in School, by Color

| Score on occupational information test | WHITES | BLACKS |
|---|---------|---------|
| Low | \$ 2.33 | \$ 1.63 |
| Medium | 2.55 | 2.14 |
| High | 2.77 | 2.29 |
| Total or average | 2.62 | 1.91 |

Summary

The amount of occupational information a young man possesses grows substantially from his early teens to his early twenties, in part the result of formal education, but also simply as the result of experience. In addition, among youngsters 14-17 years of age who are as undifferentiated by substantial variation in educational attainment, extent of occupational knowledge depends profoundly on the character of family life as revealed by such indicators as father's occupation and amount of reading material in the home. Finally, even when all these factors are controlled (to the extent that our data permit), there remain substantial color differences in occupational information: white youngsters have substantially higher scores than black in virtually every cell we have examined.

All of these relationships might have been anticipated. Nevertheless, they are indicative of serious problems at which manpower policy needs to be directed. Low scores on the test presumably indicate some significant lack of occupational knowledge that is beyond the ken of the individual. From this viewpoint, the very low scores of the youngest age category particularly are discouraging, since they suggest that largely irreversible occupational decisions by high school students are being made on the basis of relative ignorance. The differences in the extent of occupational knowledge among youngsters of different socioeconomic status also are instructive, for they imply that the well-known differences in patterns of occupational choice among these groups may be caused in part by differences in how much they know about the world of work as well as by factors more difficult to remedy. All of this argues for a much greater effort to familiarize students with the dimensions of the world of work from an early age in the schools. This appears to be particularly important for youngsters from culturally deprived homes if greater equality of opportunity is to be achieved.

What the practical consequences are of differences in the extent occupational information is a question about which we should be able to say more at the conclusion of our five years of study. Nevertheless, there are already indications that the amount of knowledge a young man has about the world of work makes a difference so far as his success in the labor market is concerned. Those with relatively greater knowledge are more likely to believe they have progressed in terms of the skill and responsibility of their jobs during the year preceding the survey. Of greater importance, even when educational attainment is controlled, those with high scores on the occupational information test enjoy higher wages than those with low scores.

These data suggest that labor market information provides a significant payoff to the individual. It is likely, of course, that our occupational information test is measuring a verbal component of general intelligence as well as the extent of labor market knowledge, and that the relationships we have found reflect the influence of intelligence. When we ultimately have a measure of general intelligence from the school records of the respondents, perhaps we shall be able to be more confident about the extent to which occupational information has an independent influence on labor market success.

JOB SATISFACTION AND JOB ATTACHMENT

The attitudes of workers toward their jobs have a dual significance as a study of labor market behavior. On the one hand, such attitudes are presumably important in conditioning action. Workers make job choices in terms of the factors about jobs that are important to them. Moreover, the degree to which they are satisfied with their current jobs may influence the extent to which they are on the "lookout" for others and, consequently, the likelihood of their making a change. On the other hand, attitudes toward work are of interest in their own right for they shed some light on the nature and extent of psychological satisfaction that the existing employment pattern provides to young jobholders.

The present chapter is concerned with work attitudes from both these points of view. The first portion of the chapter is directed at an examination of the extent of youth's satisfaction with their current jobs, the sources of both satisfaction and dissatisfaction--i.e., the aspects of their jobs that employed young men claim particularly to like and those which they dislike. The extent to which there are occupational, industrial, and demographic variations in response to these questions is explored. In the second portion of the chapter, we examine the extent of young men's attachment to their current jobs--i.e., their unwillingness to quit even in the face of ostensibly more rewarding opportunities--and relate differences in degree of attachment to differences in job satisfaction as well as to other variables. In both sections of the chapter, the analysis is limited to out-of-school employed youth between the ages of 16 and 24. 14 and 15 year old youngsters have been omitted from the analysis because compulsory school attendance and child labor laws restrict their participation in the labor market. The number of young men not in school in this age group is only 48,000, too small for reliable statistical analysis.

JOB SATISFACTION

Measurement in Degree of Satisfaction

The degree of satisfaction workers feel toward their current jobs has been measured by a single question asked of employed out-of-school youth: "How do you feel about the job you have now? Do you like it very much,

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like it fairly well, dislike it somewhat, or dislike it very much?" The overwhelming majority of employed young men react favorably to their jobs: 90 percent of the whites and 85 percent of the blacks report that they like their jobs either very much or fairly well (Table 6.1). There is a rather substantial difference between the two color groups, however, in the proportion expressing the highest degree of job satisfaction. While more than half of the white youth claim to like their jobs very much, the same is true for only slightly more than a third of black young men.

Table 6.1 Satisfaction with Current Job: Employed Males 16-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Degree of satisfaction | WHITES | BLACKS |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Like it very much | 51 | 35 |
| Like it fairly well | 39 | 50 |
| Dislike it somewhat | 7 | 10 |
| Dislike it very much | 2 | 4 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 4,993 | 835 |

Type of occupation and educational attainment The extent to which young men register high satisfaction with their jobs depends upon the type of occupation in which they are employed and, also, on the relationship between their occupation and the amount of education they have had (Table 6.2). Both white and black youth engaged in white-collar jobs are more likely to express high satisfaction than those in blue-collar occupations. (There are too few youth in the other occupational categories for confident comparisons.) The difference is 8 percentage points in the case of white youth (57 versus 49 percent) and 14 percentage points in the case of the black (48 versus 34 percent). Thus, the inter-color difference in high job satisfaction is more pronounced for blue-collar than for white-collar workers.

Type of occupation and educational attainment interact in an interesting manner to affect job satisfaction. For the total group of white youth, there is no difference in degree of job satisfaction between those who are high school dropouts and those who ended their educations with a high school diploma. Young men with some college include a slightly higher proportion of very satisfied workers than either of these two groups (56 percent versus 51 percent). However, within the white-collar group, degree of satisfaction is positively related to educational attainment, while within

6.2 Proportion Highly Satisfied with Job, by Type of Occupation and Highest Year of School Completed: Employed Males 16-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color

| Type of occupation and highest year of school completed | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent who like their job very much | Total number (thousands) | Percent who like their job very much |
| Service collar | 1,333 | 57 | 94 | 48 |
| Less than 12 | 162 | 51 | 28 | 64 |
| 12 or more | 642 | 55 | 31 | 29 |
| | 529 | 61 | 35 | 54 |
| Professional collar | 3,115 | 49 | 547 | 34 |
| Less than 12 | 1,288 | 51 | 296 | 36 |
| 12 or more | 1,544 | 48 | 224 | 29 |
| | 283 | 43 | 27 | 41 |
| (1) Unemployed | 4,993 | 51 | 835 | 35 |
| Less than 12 | 1,656 | 51 | 448 | 35 |
| 12 or more | 2,442 | 51 | 319 | 32 |
| | 894 | 56 | 67 | 48 |

Total includes service and farm workers not shown separately.

the blue-collar group the relationship is inverse. Thus, it appears that degree of satisfaction is related to the appropriateness of one's education to his occupational assignment. The numbers of black youth are too small in most occupation-education categories to permit a comparable analysis. Nevertheless, it is noteworthy that black youth with less than a high school diploma who are employed in blue-collar jobs register more satisfaction than high school graduates in the same occupational group.

Although not shown here, tabulations of degree of satisfaction cross-classified by age and type of occupation provide no clear evidence of a relationship between age and job satisfaction. Most of the occupational categories contain too few observations for confident conclusions. However, in the case of blue-collar workers, young men in their twenties differ only very slightly from those in their teens in amount of job satisfaction. Of the younger age group, 46 percent are highly satisfied compared with 48 percent of the older group. In the case of black youth, the corresponding proportions are 32 and 34 percent.

Industry There is variation among industries in the degree of job satisfaction young workers express; but the pattern is not the same for blacks and whites, doubtless reflecting differences in the types of jobs available to the two color groups within industries (Table 6.3). For whites, the degree of satisfaction is perceptibly lower in manufacturing and in trade than it is in other industry divisions in which the numbers of observations are large enough for reliable estimates. In the case of blacks, on the other hand, agriculture and construction have smaller proportions of highly satisfied workers than most other industries, while manufacturing stands just about at the average for all industries and trade is actually somewhat higher.

Factors in Job Satisfaction and Dissatisfaction

Factors liked best in current job Another way of approaching the question of job satisfaction is to inquire about workers' reactions to the various aspects of their jobs. Job factors or qualities may be categorized as "intrinsic" if they are inseparable from the nature of the work itself and "extrinsic" if they stem from the job environment. A search of the literature reveals many studies designed to test the controversial Herzberg thesis that intrinsic factors are primarily "motivators" which, when present, are sources of job satisfaction, but when absent do not cause dissatisfaction; and that extrinsic factors are "hygienes" which cause dissatisfaction when absent, but do not generate satisfaction when present.¹

¹ See, among others: Frederick Herzberg, Bernard Mausner, and Bobert Snyderman, The Motivation to Work (New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1959); Frederick Herzberg, Work and the Nature of Man (Cleveland: World Publishing, 1966); Orlando Behling, George Labovitz, and Richard Kosmo, "The Herzberg Controversy: A Critical Reappraisal," Academy of Management Journal, Vol. 11 (March, 1968), pp. 99-108; Robert House and Lawrence Wigdor, "Herzberg's Dual-Factor Theory of Job Satisfaction and Motivation: A Review of the Evidence and a Criticism," Personnel Psychology, Vol. 20 (Winter, 1967), pp. 369-380; Carl A. Lindsay, E. Marks, and L. Gorlow, "The Herzberg Theory: A Critique and Reformulation," Journal of Applied Psychology, Vol. 51 (August, 1967), pp. 142

Table 6.3 Proportion Highly Satisfied with Job, by Major Industry
Division: Employed Males 16-24 Years of Age, Not Enrolled
in School, by Color

| Major industry division | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent who like their job very much | Total number (thousands) | Percent who like their job very much |
| Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries | 280 | 52 | 99 | 21 |
| Building | 43 | 49 | 0 | -- |
| Construction | 501 | 59 | 85 | 28 |
| Manufacturing | 2,004 | 48 | 302 | 36 |
| Transportation and public utilities | 312 | 60 | 41 | 17 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 938 | 46 | 163 | 40 |
| Finance | 91 | 52 | 8 | 38 |
| Services | 635 | 58 | 87 | 42 |
| Government administration | 187 | 58 | 47 | 51 |
| Overall average | 4,993 | 51 | 835 | 35 |

We asked all employed youth: "What are the things you like best about your job?" The first-mentioned responses were coded and categorized as "intrinsic" or "extrinsic" factors. Among the intrinsic factors are responses indicating a general liking for the type of work, a feeling that the job is important, that it involves a pleasant variety of activities and that it permits a degree of autonomy and responsibility. Among the factors classified as extrinsic are wages, hours, physical working conditions, the quality of management, and the character of interpersonal relations. All but 1 percent of employed white youth are willing to name a quality about their jobs they like best; four out of seven cite an intrinsic job factor, while the remainder mention an extrinsic characteristic (Table 6.4). Intrinsic qualities are most often cited by farm workers (85 percent), professional and technical workers (77 percent) and craftsmen (62 percent). On the other hand, extrinsic factors are selected most frequently by salesmen (61 percent) and by the men in clerical and service occupations (52 and 53 percent, respectively).

Overall, there is not much difference between the factors white and black youth like best about their jobs, although the black are somewhat more likely to be unable to single out any factor (6 percent versus 1 percent). Of the blacks, 54 percent cite an intrinsic factor (compared with 57 percent of the whites) and 40 percent mention an extrinsic factor (compared with 42 percent of the whites). However, there are fairly pronounced differences when occupation is controlled. In the case of white-collar workers, the black youth are more likely than their white counterparts to cite intrinsic factors (64 percent versus 58 percent) and this color difference is even greater among clerical workers. Among manual workers, black youth are somewhat less likely to be intrinsically oriented (53 percent versus 56 percent); this difference is more pronounced among craftsmen and is greater still for farm workers.

Job factors disliked In addition to inquiring about the features of their jobs that they especially liked, all employed respondents who were not enrolled in school also were asked: "What are the things about your job that you don't like so well?" Their responses were classified as intrinsic or extrinsic on exactly the same basis as their answers to the question about the job factors they liked best. Irrespective of color, nearly half of all employed youth dislike most some extrinsic quality of their job, and another three-tenths complain of an intrinsic job factor, but close to a fourth do not regard any job characteristic as distasteful (Table 6.5). There is almost no difference between whites and blacks in these respects. In contrast, our study of mature men found perceptible inter-color differences: blacks were less likely than whites to dislike an intrinsic factor by 11 percentage points.²

² Herbert S. Parnes, et al., The Pre-Retirement Years: A Longitudinal Study of the Labor Market Experience of the Cohort of Men 45-59 Years of Age, Vol. I (Columbus: The Ohio State University Center for Human Resource Research, 1968), p. 227

| Factor liked best | WHITES | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|----------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|
| | White collar | | | | | Blue collar | | | | |
| | Nonfarm managers and proprietors | | Clerical | Sales | Total | Craftsmen and foremen | | Operatives | Nonfarm laborers | Total |
| | Professional and technical | | | | | | | | | |
| Intrinsic | 77 | 58 | 48 | 39 | 58 | 62 | | 52 | 55 | 56 |
| Extrinsic | 23 | 40 | 52 | 61 | 42 | 37 | | 46 | 43 | 42 |
| Wages and fringes | 4 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 10 | | 19 | 18 | 16 |
| Hours | 5 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 5 | | 8 | 6 | 7 |
| Physical working conditions | 1 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 4 | | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Management and personal relations | 11 | 16 | 24 | 37 | 21 | 14 | | 13 | 14 | 13 |
| Other extrinsic | 2 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 4 | | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Nothing | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 433 | 223 | 459 | 218 | 1,333 | 1,079 | | 1,584 | 451 | 3,115 |
| | | | | | | | | | | 4,993 |
| | BLACKS | | | | | | | | | |
| | White collar | | | | | Blue collar | | | | |
| | Other | | Total | Craftsmen and foremen | | Operatives | Nonfarm laborers | Total | | |
| | Clerical | | | | | | | | Service | Total or average |
| Intrinsic | 59 | 76 | 64 | 52 | | 55 | 49 | 53 | 55 | 54 |
| Extrinsic | 41 | 24 | 36 | 41 | | 40 | 46 | 42 | 38 | 54 |
| Wages and fringes | 2 | 3 | 3 | 15 | | 12 | 25 | 16 | 7 | 12 |
| Hours | 18 | 0 | 12 | 1 | | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Physical working conditions | 3 | 0 | 2 | 8 | | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Management and personal relations | 8 | 21 | 13 | 16 | | 15 | 14 | 15 | 26 | 15 |
| Other extrinsic | 10 | 0 | 6 | 2 | | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Nothing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | | 5 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 60 | 34 | 94 | 103 | | 286 | 158 | 547 | 106 | 835 |

Table 6.5 Type of Factor Liked Least about Job, by Major Occupation Group Employed Males
16-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Factor liked least | WHITES | | | | | | | | | | | | Total or average |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|------------------|
| | White collar | | | | | Blue collar | | | | | Farm | Service | |
| | Professional and technical | Nonfarm managers and proprietors | Clerical | Sales | Total | Craftsmen and foremen | Operatives | Nonfarm laborers | Total | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Intrinsic | 33 | 40 | 31 | 22 | 32 | 31 | 32 | 25 | 31 | 22 | 30 | 30 | |
| Extrinsic | 52 | 41 | 53 | 44 | 49 | 44 | 47 | 51 | 46 | 52 | 44 | 47 | |
| Wages and fringes | 18 | 10 | 26 | 12 | 18 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 16 | 11 | 12 | |
| Hours | 8 | 19 | 10 | 17 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 9 | 13 | 20 | 25 | 13 | |
| Physical working conditions | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 4 | |
| Management and personal relations | 7 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 6 | |
| Other | 18 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 17 | 11 | 14 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 11 | |
| Nothing | 15 | 18 | 16 | 35 | 19 | 26 | 21 | 24 | 23 | 26 | 27 | 22 | |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | |
| Total number (thousands) | 433 | 223 | 459 | 218 | 1,333 | 1,079 | 1,584 | 451 | 3,115 | 258 | 248 | 4,993 | |
| Factor liked least | BLACKS | | | | | | | | | | | | Total or average |
| | White collar | | | | | Blue collar | | | | | Farm | Service | |
| | Clerical | Other | Total | Craftsmen and foremen | Operatives | Nonfarm laborers | Total | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Intrinsic | 19 | 24 | 20 | 27 | 26 | 36 | 29 | 16 | 32 | 27 | 32 | 27 | |
| Extrinsic | 64 | 44 | 56 | 49 | 47 | 35 | 44 | 62 | 34 | 47 | 34 | 47 | |
| Wages and fringes | 27 | 0 | 17 | 26 | 21 | 13 | 20 | 32 | 14 | 20 | 14 | 20 | |
| Hours | 12 | 9 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 17 | 8 | 17 | 8 | |
| Physical working conditions | 11 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | |
| Management and personal relations | 5 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | |
| Other | 3 | 24 | 25 | 17 | 17 | 22 | 22 | 3 | 20 | 20 | 3 | 20 | |
| Nothing | 15 | 22 | 17 | 26 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,100 | 400 | 1,500 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |

Among white youth, wages and fringe benefits and hours of work are extrinsic job factors most frequently mentioned as undesirable. All, each of these accounts for an eighth of all responses, but there are substantial differences among occupational categories. For example, wages are a source of dissatisfaction to as many as a fourth of clerical workers and a sixth each of professional and technical and service workers. On the other hand, hours of work are the most objectionable feature in the case of a fourth of all farm workers, and close to a fifth of nonfarm workers, service workers, and salesmen.

Black youth are more likely than white to object to their wages and are more likely to focus on hours of work as the principal source of job dissatisfaction. In all occupational categories in which numbers are large enough for reliable estimates (except farming), the percentage of black youth who mention wages or fringe benefits as the most unsatisfactory factor is larger than the proportion mentioning hours of work.

Sources of satisfaction and dissatisfaction and degree of satisfaction
There is a very substantial relationship between the type of job factors which man particularly likes and dislikes and the degree of job satisfaction which he professes. For example, those who cite an intrinsic factor as the most satisfying aspect of the job are far more likely to register high satisfaction than those who mention an extrinsic factor (Table 6.6). This relationship prevails among white youth in white-collar jobs and among blue-collar workers of both color groups. (The number of black youth in white-collar work who favor extrinsic job qualities is too small to generalize.) As an illustration, among white youth employed in blue-collar occupations, 55 percent of the "intrinsic," as contrasted with only 41 percent of the "extrinsic," like their jobs very much. Our evidence does not support the obverse of this relationship, *viz.*, that dislike of extrinsic factors produces more job dissatisfaction than dislike for intrinsic factors. Indeed, in view of the important role that intrinsic qualities play in job satisfaction, it is not reasonable to expect that distasteful intrinsic work qualities necessarily should be unimportant in producing job dissatisfaction. Table 6.7 shows that, among whites, dislike of extrinsic factors is slightly more likely than dislike of intrinsic factors to be associated with job dissatisfaction, but the relationship is precisely the opposite in the case of the blacks.

Although we are mindful of the substantial differences between the results of attitudinal questions on which Herzberg's findings rest³ and

³ Cf. Herzberg, et al., The Motivation to Work, pp. 20, 141. Herzberg asked each respondent to think of a time when he felt "exceptionally good" or "exceptionally bad" about his job and then to identify critical incidents that had produced that feeling. Our questionnaire, on the other hand, provided only four specific replies to the job satisfaction query: "Do you like the job you have now? Do you like it very much, like it fairly well, dislike it somewhat, or dislike it very much?" and our comparison questions were simply "What are the things you like best about your job?" and "What are the things about your job that you don't like so well?"

Table 6.6

Proportion Highly Satisfied with Job, by Type of Occupation
and Type of Factor Liked Best about Job: Employed Males
16-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color

| Type of occupation and type of factor liked best | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent who like their job very much | Total number (thousands) | Percent who like their job very much |
| White collar | | | | |
| Intrinsic | 766 | 65 | 60 | 45 |
| Extrinsic | 557 | 46 | 34 | 54 |
| Blue collar | | | | |
| Intrinsic | 1,711 | 55 | 281 | 40 |
| Extrinsic | 1,296 | 41 | 223 | 29 |
| Total (1) | | | | |
| Intrinsic | 2,742 | 57 | 442 | 42 |
| Extrinsic | 2,035 | 44 | 328 | 29 |

(1) Total includes service and farm workers not shown separately.

Table 6.7

Proportion Who Dislike Job, by Type of Occupation and Type
of Factor Liked Least about Job: Employed Males 16-24
Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Type of occupation and type of factor liked least | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent who dislike job | Total number (thousands) | Percent who dislike job |
| White collar | 1,333 | 8 | 94 | 4 |
| Intrinsic | 334 | 6 | 19 | 0 |
| Extrinsic | 638 | 13 | 53 | 8 |
| Blue collar | 3,115 | 10 | 547 | 15 |
| Intrinsic | 866 | 12 | 144 | 33 |
| Extrinsic | 1,388 | 14 | 232 | 12 |
| Total (1) | 4,993 | 9 | 835 | 14 |
| Intrinsic | 1,304 | 11 | 217 | 37 |
| Extrinsic | 2,268 | 13 | 380 | 10 |

(1) Total includes service and farm workers not shown separately.

those of our survey, it nevertheless seems worth pointing out that our findings appear to be consistent with Herzberg's thesis that intrinsic factors are generally the source of job satisfaction. While extrinsic characteristics of jobs, if unsatisfactory, can produce dissatisfaction, they are generally insufficient, even if attractive, to create feelings of satisfaction with the job.

II JOB ATTACHMENT

The early phase of men's work careers has frequently been described as a stage of exploration and experimentation in the labor market, characterized by considerable movement among employers, occupations, industries, and labor market areas. For one thing, merely because of their age, men in their late teens and early twenties cannot have accumulated lengthy service in a job; most of them, therefore, have not yet developed the strong economic and psychological ties that are characteristic of older workers. Furthermore, the premium placed on youth by many employers means that opportunities for job shifts are generally greater for young workers than for older ones.

Although younger workers are known to be more mobile than older workers in virtually all respects, there is, nevertheless, considerable variation among them in the extent to which they move among jobs. One of the principal purposes of our longitudinal study is to examine both the causes and consequences of this variation. We wish to know, for example, what characteristics of young men are associated with the tendency to make job shifts of various kinds or to remain with the same employer, in the same occupation, and in the same locality. We also intend to examine the various patterns of change and stability, and to inquire whether any of them are more likely than others to be associated with successful accommodation to the labor market, as measured by improvement in occupation, income, avoidance of unemployment, attitude toward job, and similar factors.

As a foundation for this longitudinal analysis of mobility, the present section explores the mobility propensities of young men between the ages of 16 and 24 who have left school and also are employed. Our aim here is to ascertain the correlates of a high degree of attachment to current employer. In the follow-up studies, we shall be interested in checking the predictive value of our job attachment measure and in exploring the ways in which propensities to move interact with characteristics of the labor market environment to produce actual job movement.

The Concept and Measure of Job Attachment

The concept of job attachment that is being used here, and the conceptual framework for analyzing it, have been described at length in

a previous report.⁴ Briefly, we mean by job attachment the converse of the economist's definition of interfirm mobility, that is, the propensity of an employed individual to remain with his present employer despite his perception of ostensibly more rewarding opportunities elsewhere. Our measure of this propensity is based upon the response to a hypothetical job offer: "Suppose someone in this area offered you a job in the same line of work you're in now. What would the wage or salary have to be for you to be willing to take it?" An identical question was asked relating to a hypothetical job somewhere outside the local area. In both cases the question was open-ended, and responses were coded in relation to current wage rate. Thus, the young men are classified in terms of the percentage increase in wage rates which they report would be necessary in order to induce them to make (1) an interfirm shift in the same labor market area, and (2) a geographic shift to some other area of the country.

We conceive an individual's attachment to his present job to be a function of the interaction between his own characteristics, those of the job, and the characteristics of the labor market. For example, the structure of economic and noneconomic rewards in a job relative to the individual's value hierarchy will influence the way he reacts to another job paying higher wages. But the evaluation made by the employee is substantially affected by the character of the labor market. Since he has no assurance that the particular job to which he is reacting will be permanent, his willingness to give up the one he has is bound to be influenced by his estimate of the availability of other opportunities.

The individual's propensity to move is not, of course, the same thing as the objective probability of his leaving his current employer. The former is a purely attitudinal variable; the latter is a function not only of the worker's attitudes, but of the actual opportunities for movement. These, in turn, depend upon: (1) the volume and character of job openings, (2) employers' hiring preferences, and (3) the personal characteristics of the worker that determine (a) the extent of his knowledge of alternative opportunities, (b) his initiative and vigor in seeking them out, and (c) his attractiveness to other employers. In other words, no matter how high a worker's propensity to move (i.e., no matter how low his attachment), the probability of his actual movement is not necessarily great unless there are other jobs that he knows about and unless he is acceptable to other employers.

Correlates of Job Attachment

At one extreme, about three-tenths of employed young men 16-24 years old who are not enrolled in school are willing to change employers within the local area for a wage differential of less than 10 percent above what they are currently earning (Table 6.8). At the other extreme, about one in seven said he would not change jobs for any wage rate. As would be expected, there is greater reluctance to consider a geographic move.

⁴ Parnes, et al., op.cit., pp. 147-153.

| Reaction to hypothetical job offer inside local area | WHITES | | | | | BLACKS | | | | |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 16-24 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 16-24 |
| Would accept at same or lower wage | 19 | 22 | 30 | 21 | 23 | 16 | 23 | 19 | 17 | 19 |
| Would accept for wage increase of less than 10 percent | 16 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 7 |
| Would accept for wage increase of 10-50 percent | 32 | 41 | 41 | 45 | 42 | 50 | 48 | 43 | 56 | 50 |
| Would accept for wage increase of more than 50 percent | 13 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 22 | 14 | 20 | 11 | 15 |
| Would not accept at any conceivable wage | 20 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 8 | 10 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 394 | 1,013 | 1,120 | 2,219 | 4,746 | 78 | 164 | 239 | 340 | 821 |

Table 6.9 Attachment to Current Job as Measured by Reaction to Hypothetical Job Offer Outside Local Area, by Age: Employed Male Wage and Salary Workers 16-24 Years of Age, Not Enrolled in School, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Reaction to hypothetical job offer outside local area | WHITES | | | | | BLACKS | | | | |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 16-24 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | Total 16-24 |
| Would accept at same or lower wage | 8 | 10 | 14 | 11 | 11 | 8 | 11 | 4 | 10 | 8 |
| Would accept for wage increase of less than 10 percent | 6 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Would accept for wage increase of 10-50 percent | 15 | 30 | 24 | 31 | 28 | 32 | 25 | 22 | 26 | 25 |
| Would accept for wage increase of more than 50 percent | 27 | 25 | 20 | 22 | 23 | 36 | 37 | 37 | 36 | 37 |
| Would not accept at any conceivable wage | 43 | 32 | 39 | 33 | 35 | 24 | 24 | 34 | 25 | 27 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 394 | 1,013 | 1,120 | 2,219 | 4,746 | 78 | 164 | 239 | 340 | 821 |

Only about a seventh of the young men indicate a willingness to take a job outside the local area for anything less than a 10 percent increase over their current wage rate. As many as a third report that no increase would induce them to move (Table 6.9).

We do not propose to interpret any of these responses literally. It is not necessary to debate, for example, whether the young men who say they would not make a geographic shift for any conceivable wage increase really mean that, or whether their responses simply reveal limited imaginations. Our only purpose is to categorize individuals according to their relative degree of attachment to their present employers or, what amounts to the same thing, according to their propensity to move. We, therefore, assume only that individuals who say that they would move for a small (or no) wage increase are less highly attached to their current jobs than those who would require a larger increase. The highest degree of attachment is attributed to those who say they would not take another job at any wage. In most of the analysis that follows, we measure the relative attachment of any given group of workers by the proportion of these very highly attached individuals it contains.

Age and color Comparison of the data in Tables 6.8 and 6.9 with comparable data for employed men 45-59 years of age supports the generalization that young men are considerably more mobile than older men. About two-fifths of the latter, as compared with only one-seventh of the group under consideration here, are highly attached to their employers based on a hypothetical job offer in the local labor market. If a geographic move is involved, the corresponding proportions are almost three-fifths for the older men compared with a third of the youth.⁵ This relationship between job attachment and age, however, does not appear to obtain within the age category of youth. Those in their teens do not differ systematically in this respect from those in their twenties. As is true in the case of the older male group, whites are more highly attached to their current jobs than blacks. The proportion of highly attached employees is one-sixth in the case of young whites and one-tenth in the case of the young blacks.

Occupation Among whites, the most pronounced occupational variation in job attachment is the relatively low attachment of professional and technical workers and the relatively high attachment of managers. Compared with an overall average of 17 percent, professional and technical workers have only 8 percent of highly attached workers, and managers and proprietors have as many as 29 percent (Table 6.10). Among blacks, on the other hand, professional and technical workers appear to have a much higher-than-average degree of attachment to current job, although the number of persons in the professional and technical category is too small for a confident conclusion on this matter. If the relationship is real rather than a result of sampling variation, it is consistent

5 Ibid., p. 154.

e 6.10 Proportion Highly Attached to Current Job, by Major Occupation
 Group: Employed Male Wage and Salary Workers 16-24 Years of
 Age, Not Enrolled in School, by Color

| Major occupation Group | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent highly attached | Total number (thousands) | Percent highly attached |
| Professional and technical | 423 | 8 | 28 | 26 |
| Farm managers and proprietors | 181 | 29 | 5 | 26 |
| Managerial | 456 | 15 | 60 | 6 |
| Crafts | 205 | 23 | 1 | 0 |
| Truckmen and foremen | 1,050 | 21 | 101 | 13 |
| Operatives | 1,560 | 17 | 286 | 6 |
| Farm laborers | 442 | 13 | 158 | 12 |
| Service | 249 | 18 | 106 | 12 |
| Unemployed | 138 | 21 | 62 | 6 |
| Overall average | 4,746 | 17 | 821 | 10 |

e 6.11 Proportion Highly Attached to Current Job, by Type of Occupation
 and Length of Service: Employed Male Wage and Salary Workers
 16-24 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School, by Color

| Type of occupation and Length of service (years) | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent highly attached | Total number (thousands) | Percent highly attached |
| White collar | | | | |
| Less than 1 | 554 | 14 | 62 | 11 |
| 1-2 | 505 | 16 | 23 | 22 |
| 3 or more | 207 | 19 | 8 | 0 |
| Blue collar | | | | |
| Less than 1 | 1,659 | 17 | 313 | 8 |
| 1-2 | 901 | 18 | 148 | 12 |
| 3 or more | 493 | 19 | 83 | 3 |
| Service | | | | |
| Less than 1 | 160 | 13 | 55 | 16 |
| 1-2 | 56 | 25 | 32 | 13 |
| 3 or more | 33 | 27 | 19 | 0 |
| Unemployed | | | | |
| Less than 1 | 72 | 14 | 36 | 4 |
| 1-2 | 30 | 32 | 12 | 0 |
| 3 or more | 31 | 39 | 12 | 17 |
| Overall average | | | | |
| Less than 1 | 2,462 | 16 | 476 | 10 |
| 1-2 | 1,507 | 18 | 218 | 13 |
| 3 or more | 770 | 19 | 123 | 4 |

with a hypothesis advanced in our study of older men--viz., that when black men have achieved a relatively advantageous position, they are more reluctant than their white counterparts to make a change, presumably because they have more to lose if the change does not work out satisfactorily.

The lower attachment of black youth, as compared with white youth, is not explained by the difference in their distributions among the major occupation groups. With the exception of the professional and technical category, in which the relationship is reversed, black men show a lower proportion of highly attached workers than white men in every category. In the case of operatives, where the numbers of both color groups are largest, the proportions are 17 percent for the whites and 6 percent for the blacks--a difference even greater than the average difference between the two groups.

Length of service For the labor force as a whole, there is considerable evidence that the probability of a voluntary job change declines substantially as length of service increases. This is so, in part, because economic equities in jobs increase with increasing length of service (e.g., lower susceptibility to lay off and more liberal vacations). Moreover, social and psychological bonds are likely to become stronger with the passage of time. Among the group of workers under consideration here, however, the oldest of whom is only 24 years of age, there can be only limited variation in job tenure; it is, therefore, not surprising that there is no pronounced relationship between attachment and length of service (Table 6.11). Among whites, the proportion of highly attached men, indeed, does increase slightly as tenure increases; while the differences are not statistically significant, their regularity gives some support to the belief that they may be real. However, among blacks, the relationship between tenure and attachment is not at all regular. Blue-collar workers--the only group large enough for confident generalization--with one or two years of service evidence greater attachment than those with less than one year; but, those blacks with three or more years of service have the lowest degree of attachment. These relationships may reflect a slower advancement of blacks relative to whites during the several years after hire, but this interpretation is purely speculative at this juncture.⁶

6 In this context, it is worthwhile noting that the differential in job satisfaction between whites and blacks also widens among those in the longest tenure category. In the short-tenure group, black workers are nearly four-fifths as likely as their white counterparts to be highly satisfied; among workers with long tenure, on the other hand, blacks are only two-thirds as likely as whites to be highly satisfied.

Work attitudes The level of satisfaction that a man expresses in his job is not necessarily the same thing as the degree to which he is attached to it, in the sense in which that term is being used here. The characteristics of the worker, the work situation, and the labor market combine to produce a level of attachment different from the level of satisfaction. For example, a security-conscious worker may be reluctant to quit a job in which he has long seniority despite dissatisfaction with it on other grounds, while an equally dissatisfied worker who is more inclined to take risks may have less reservation about leaving. Nevertheless, one would expect to find a fairly strong relationship between these two attitudinal measures, and such a relationship was, in fact, found among older men.

Young men, also, as Table 6.12 indicates, who like their jobs very much are considerably more likely to be highly attached than those who express lesser degrees of enthusiasm. For the total group of whites, the former are about twice as likely as the latter to reveal high attachment (22 percent versus 11 percent). In the case of the blacks the difference is not so great (12 percent versus 8 percent). In the case of white men, the positive relationship between satisfaction and attachment exists among both white-collar and blue-collar workers; among blacks, it exists only for the white-collar employees.

There appears to be a relationship between the extent of a young man's attachment to his current job and the relative importance he attaches to wages versus the congeniality of the work in deciding what kind of occupation he wants (Table 6.12). Both black and white men, irrespective of whether they are serving in white- or blue-collar occupations, who regard wages as more important include a lower percentage of highly attached workers than those who stress the importance of liking the type of work they are doing. The difference is most pronounced in the case of black men who are serving in blue-collar jobs, where 5 percent of the extrinsically oriented persons ("good wages") and 12 percent of the intrinsically oriented ("liking the work") register high attachment. Among white men, the difference is 8 percentage points in the case of white-collar workers (10 percent versus 18 percent) and 5 percentage points in the case of those in blue-collar occupations (14 percent versus 19 percent). These results are what one intuitively might have expected, since it is reasonable to suppose that a person's willingness to contemplate a job change for more money will be related to the relative importance of monetary rewards in his value hierarchy. Nevertheless, it should be noted that this relationship was not found to exist in the case of the older males.⁷ Whether the difference between the two sets

⁷ There is another difference between the findings on attitudinal relationships in the two studies. In the case of the older males, we found that those who liked their current jobs for exclusively intrinsic reasons (i.e., factors relating to the nature of the work) were more highly attached to their current employers than those who mentioned exclusively extrinsic reasons in job satisfaction (i.e., job attributes such as pay, hours of work, physical working conditions, and other factors associated with the particular employer for whom they worked rather than with the type of work they did). See, p. 161. There is no such systematic relationship evident in the present study.

Table 6.12 Proportion Highly Attached to Current Job, by Type of Occupation and Selected Work Attitudes: Employed Male Wage and Salary Workers 16-24 Years of Age, Not Enrolled in School, by Color

| Type of occupation and selected work attitude | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent highly attached | Total number (thousands) | Percent highly attached |
| Satisfaction with job: | | | | |
| White collar | | | | |
| Like it very much | 710 | 19 | 45 | 20 |
| Other | 552 | 11 | 48 | 4 |
| Blue collar | | | | |
| Like it very much | 1,457 | 23 | 181 | 8 |
| Other | 1,562 | 13 | 356 | 9 |
| Total (1) | | | | |
| Like it very much | 2,379 | 22 | 287 | 12 |
| Other | 2,318 | 11 | 522 | 8 |
| Work motivation | | | | |
| White collar | | | | |
| Good wages | 229 | 10 | 30 | 5 |
| Liking the work | 987 | 18 | 52 | 20 |
| Blue collar | | | | |
| Good wages | 583 | 14 | 270 | 5 |
| Liking the work | 2,380 | 19 | 252 | 12 |
| Total (1) | | | | |
| Good wages | 886 | 14 | 384 | 7 |
| Liking the work | 3,693 | 19 | 393 | 12 |

(1) Total includes service and farm workers, who are not shown separately.

results stems from a difference in the wording of the question in the studies or from other factors cannot be said, at least at the present.⁸

Potential geographic mobility There are interesting relationships between responses to the hypothetical job offers inside and outside the local labor market area (Table 6.13). As would be expected, there is a pronounced relationship between the two measures of attachment to current

For example, of those who are highly attached to current job as measured by reaction to alternatives inside the local labor market, fully three-quarters would not consider a job outside the area at any conceivable

In contrast, of those who would be willing for some wage increase to change jobs within the area, slightly over a fourth would refuse to do so at any price. This pattern prevails for both whites and blacks.

What is more interesting than this relationship, however, are the options to it. Of the three-quarters of a million white youth who are so firmly wedded to their current employers that they indicate an unwillingness to move to another job within the area at any conceivable price, a fourth are apparently willing to change employers if such a shift involves leaving the area. A similar proportion obtains in the case of blacks. It is believed generally that the barriers to geographic movement are more pronounced than those that inhibit other types of job moves. This is doubtless true when judged by the frequency of various types of job moves made by the labor force as a whole. Nevertheless, the present evidence indicates that a far from negligible number of workers are more willing to change employers if at the same time they can escape the community than they are to move within the same area.

Other characteristics We had hypothesized that the attachment of young men to their current job would be influenced by the state of their health; specifically, that employed men with health limitations would exhibit an above-average reluctance to change employers, while remaining in the same type of work, because of a higher-than-average concern for security. However, tabulation of these variables (not shown here), revealed no systematic relation between health and attachment. Similarly, we had anticipated that degree of attachment would be related to marital status and number of dependents. In this case, we were prepared to find a clear relationship, since the presence of dependents should make a man more security conscious (and thus more highly attached) and money conscious (and thus less highly attached). The data, however, revealed no consistent relationship between the two variables. We also were disappointed at the absence of a relationship between level of

⁸ In the study of the older males, the question on which this table was based was "What would you say is the more important thing in deciding whether to take any job--good wages or liking the kind of work you are doing?" In the present study, the question reads "What would you say is the more important thing to you in deciding what kind of work you want to do--good wages or liking the work?"

Table 6.13 Reaction to Hypothetical Job Offer Outside Local Area, by Reaction to Hypothetical Job Offer Inside Area: Employed Male Wage and Salary Workers 16-24 Years of Age, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Reaction to job offer outside area | Reaction to job offer inside area | | | |
|--|--|--|--|------------------|
| | Would accept at same wage or for increase less than 10 percent | Would accept for wage increase of 10 percent or more | Would not accept at any conceivable wage | Total or average |
| WHITES | | | | |
| Would accept at same wage or for increase less than 10 percent | 38 | 4 | 8 | 15 |
| Would accept for wage increase of 10 percent or more | 43 | 68 | 17 | 50 |
| Would not accept at any conceivable wage | 20 | 27 | 75 | 55 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,384 | 2,213 | 760 | 4,746 |
| BLACKS | | | | |
| Would accept at same wage or for increase less than 10 percent | 29 | 4 | 15 | 11 |
| Would accept for wage increase of 10 percent or more | 56 | 73 | 9 | 62 |
| Would not accept at any conceivable wage | 14 | 23 | 76 | 27 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 190 | 493 | 72 | 821 |

employment in the local labor market and degree of job attachment, we had hypothesized that low unemployment rates would be associated with low attachment on the ground that workers would be less security conscious in a tight labor market and thus more willing to risk a change of employer. The absence of a relationship may be attributable to the fact that our unemployment measure was based on 1960 data. We intend to re-examine this question again when the 1967 data become available to us.

There is some evidence that men whose families have been residents of North America for at least three generations may have weaker job attachments than those whose families emigrated more recently from Europe (Table 6.14). The same relationship was found to exist among men under 59 years of age.⁹ These findings are of interest because they suggest that the greater mobility of United States workers as compared with their European counterparts that some observers have noted¹⁰ may reflect intangible cultural differences as well as international differences in labor market institutions.

6.14 Proportion Highly Attached to Current Job, by Type of Occupation and Nationality: Employed White Male Wage and Salary Workers 16-74 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School

| Type of occupation and nationality | Total number (thousands) | Percent highly attached |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Noncollar | | |
| U.S. or Canada | 775 | 13 |
| Europe | 289 | 24 |
| Average | 189 | 16 |
| Collar | | |
| U.S. or Canada | 2,209 | 16 |
| Europe | 624 | 22 |
| Average | 219 | 18 |
| Total or average (1) | | |
| U.S. or Canada | 3,274 | 16 |
| Europe | 1,002 | 22 |
| Average | 457 | 16 |

¹ Total includes service and farm workers not shown separately.

⁹ Ibid., p. 161.

¹⁰ Gladys L. Palmer, "Contrasts in Labor Market Behavior in Northern Europe and the United States," Industrial and Labor Relations Review, July, pp. 519-532.

III SUMMARY

In view of the serious labor market problems of youth, it is somewhat reassuring that an overwhelming majority of employed young men express positive feelings about their jobs--90 percent of the whites and 85 percent of the blacks. These proportions, it should be noted, are only slightly smaller than the proportions of employed men between the ages of 45 and 59 who profess to like their jobs (93 percent of the whites and 91 percent of the blacks). The differences between the two age groups become more pronounced, however, especially for the blacks, when one compares the proportions of highly satisfied workers, i.e., those who say that they like their jobs very much. Among the youth, these highly satisfied workers comprise 51 percent of the whites and 35 percent of the blacks, compared with 58 percent and 51 percent, respectively, of the older group of white and black workers. Youth in white-collar jobs are more likely than blue-collar workers to register very high satisfaction. This is particularly true for black youth. Irrespective of occupational category, the blacks are substantially less likely than the whites to register high satisfaction. This, incidentally, also is different from the pattern manifested by the 45-59 year age group, among whom the relatively smaller overall inter-color differential in satisfaction tended to disappear when type of occupation was controlled.

When asked what they particularly like about their jobs, most youth--almost three-fifths--cite factors pertaining to the nature of their work (intrinsic). As might be expected, there are occupational differences in these proportions; but, surprisingly, among white youth there is virtually no difference between the blue-collar and the white-collar groups as a whole. For example, among the whites, 58 percent of the white-collar and 56 percent of the blue-collar workers report liking best some intrinsic quality of their job. Yet, within the white-collar group, this proportion ranges between 39 percent (sales workers) and 77 percent (professional and technical workers); among blue-collar workers it ranges from 52 percent (operatives) to 62 percent (craftsmen).

Young men are more articulate about the characteristics of their jobs that they like than about those they dislike. While almost none fail to mention at least one factor that they like, about a fourth are silent when asked to mention job characteristics that they "don't like so well." Of those who do respond, a substantial majority focus on extrinsic factors, principally wages and fringe benefits and hours of work. There is an association between the job factors young men mention as being especially pleasing and the degree of satisfaction they have in their jobs; those who emphasize intrinsic qualities as the most attractive aspects of their jobs are more likely to be highly satisfied than those who refer to extrinsic factors.

On the basis of their reactions to hypothetical job offers, young men between the ages of 16 and 24 who are no longer in school evidence considerable mobility, especially as compared with men in their forties

in the fifties. Three-fourths of the young men, as contrasted with only one-fifths of the older group, report a willingness to move from one job to another in the local labor market for any wage increase up to 50 percent. In the case of a shift involving a change of residence, the difference is even more pronounced: about two-fifths of the young men, and only one-fifth of the older group, state that they would make such a move in response to a wage differential of up to 50 percent. In spite of the greater willingness of youth in general to accept job changes in a locality than outside of it, it is particularly interesting to note that a sizeable number of young men state that they would take a new job anywhere if it involved leaving town.

There is little, if any, variation in job attachment according to age and length of service within the rather narrow age limits under consideration. None of the young men have accumulated enough tenure in their jobs for length of service to manifest the strong influence that does in the case of older men. As would be expected, degree of dissatisfaction with one's job is related to level of attachment, but there is enough variation to confirm our theoretical expectation that these are different dimensions of job attitude. It is possible for highly dissatisfied workers, in other words, to have relatively low attachment; conversely, workers less than completely satisfied can be highly attached. Another attitudinal measure related to degree of job attachment is the relative importance attached to wages versus the intrinsic character of work. Those who place the former higher in their value scale are more likely than those who emphasize the latter to indicate a willingness to move for higher wages.

Black youth appear to be less highly attached to their current job than their white counterparts. The differentials tend to exist in virtually all tabulations, and seem to be stronger and more persistent than those that characterized the older men. Nevertheless, as was also the case for the older group, among youth in professional and technical jobs there is virtually no color differential in attachment.

We cannot, of course, be certain that our measure of job attachment is really measuring propensity to make interfirm moves. This question, together with the test of our conceptual framework, will be important subjects for investigation in our follow-up studies of the age cohort.

EDUCATIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL ASPIRATIONS

An important objective of our longitudinal study of young men is to gain a better understanding of the process of occupational choice. We accept the view expressed by many students of the subject that occupational choice is actually a developmental process beginning in early childhood and evolving through a sequence of life stages; that it involves a series of decisions related to education and work made over a period of years; that it is largely irreversible, since decisions at any point in time frequently are circumscribed by previous ones; and that the total process--involving role playing, exploratory experiences, and possibly counseling--generally culminates in a compromise between an individual's tastes, preferences, and capacities and the realities of the job market.¹

A good portion of this process can actually be observed by means of a five-year longitudinal study of the age group under consideration. Generally speaking, youngsters at the lowest end of our age cohort are just beginning their high school careers, but at the end of the five-year period will either be in the labor market, in the military service, or in college. Those in their late teens, as our study opens, have either already started their work careers or are in college; in either case, the vast majority of them will have begun their work careers by the time the study ends. Those at the upper limit of the age cohort are almost all currently in the labor market; at the end of the period they will be approaching 30 years of age, by which time one would expect the phase of labor market exploration and experimentation to have been completed and occupational commitment to have become reasonably firm. Thus, by following the educational and work careers of these several subsets of the total group over a five-year period, we should be able to observe almost the entire range of decisions that, collectively, constitute "occupational

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1 For further elaboration of occupational choice theory see: Eli Ginzberg, The Development of Human Resources (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1966), p. 4; David V. Tiedeman and Robert P. O'Hara, Career Development: Choice and Adjustment, College Entrance Examination Board, Research Monograph, No. 3, 1963; Donald E. Super, et al., Career Development: Self-Concept Theory, College Examination Board, Research Monograph, No. 4, 1963; H. Form and D. C. Miller, "Occupational Career Pattern as a Sociological Instrument," American Journal of Sociology (January, 1949), pp. 317-329.

choice." Moreover, we expect to be able to describe and, hopefully, to account for the extent to which aspirations and plans are modified by actual experience both in school and in the labor market. Our purpose in this chapter is to set the stage for the longitudinal analysis by addressing ourselves to the following two questions: (1) What are the educational and occupational aspirations of youth 14-17 years old enrolled in school, and how realistic do these aspirations appear to be? (2) What demographic, social, and educational factors appear to be related to variations in the occupational goals of this group?²

The educational goals of youngsters enrolled in school were ascertained by asking them how much more education they would like to get. Responses indicating a desire for education beyond high school were coded as two years of college (completing junior college or equivalent), four years of college (a baccalaureate degree), six years of college (master's degree or equivalent), or seven or more years of college (Ph.D., M.D., law degree, etc.). In addition, respondents were asked, "As things now stand, how much more education do you think you will actually get?" and these responses were coded in the same way.

Occupational goals were ascertained by means of the following question: "Now I would like to talk to you about your future job plans. What kind of work would you like to be doing when you are 30 years old?" Where the response was some occupation other than the one in which the (employed) young man was currently serving, he was asked how good a chance he thought he had of actually getting into such work. Irrespective of the answer to this question, all respondents were asked what type of work they thought they would be doing at age 30 if they could not achieve their first choice.

I EDUCATIONAL ASPIRATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS

Educational Aspirations

Of the youngsters 14-17 years of age enrolled in either elementary or high school--of whom 95 percent are in grades 9-12--a substantial majority claim they would like to have at least some college study (Table 7.1). Only 26 percent of the whites and 34 percent of the blacks will be satisfied with a high school diploma. A very small fraction--under 1 percent of the white youth and 2 percent of the black--want to leave school before acquiring a high school diploma. Virtually identical

2 Attention is confined to this group of students in the present report for both methodological and substantive reasons. They are sufficiently numerous and sufficiently homogeneous with respect to age and educational attainment to permit reliable analysis. Moreover, these youth are in the critical formative stage of their career planning, when occupational goals are beginning to crystallize and when crucial decisions about the nature and extent of additional education are being made.

rtions of white and black youth express a desire for two years of
ge (12 and 14 percent, respectively) and for four years of college
nd 42 percent, respectively). But twice as large a proportion of
s as of blacks want more than a baccalaureate degree (18 percent
s 9 percent).

7.1 Educational Aspirations: Males 14-17 Years of Age
Enrolled in Elementary or High School, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| er of years of ation desired | WHITES | BLACKS | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| than 12 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| | 26 | 34 | 27 |
| | 12 | 14 | 12 |
| | 44 | 42 | 43 |
| than 16 | 18 | 9 | 16 |
| al percent | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| al number (thousands) | 5,298 | 827 | 6,125 |

The educational aspirations of those still in school, if realized,
imply a rate of college exposure for the entire 14 to 17 year age
that is substantially higher than that actually achieved in recent

As evident from the data in Table 7.1, a total of over 4.3 million
youth 14-17 years of age, currently enrolled in elementary and high
, would like to enter college. In addition, there are approximately
million youth in this same age category who are currently enrolled
lege. Thus, a total of 4.8 million youth (66 percent) of the 7.3
n in the age cohort currently are enrolled in college or want to be
finishing high school. This compares with about 41 percent of the
age group who either currently are enrolled or have completed a
r more of college. Hence, if the desires expressed by the current
age group were to be realized, the proportion of the 20-24 age group
ome college would increase by 25 percentage points over the next six

This is a much greater increase than is probable even taking into
t the substantial increases in college enrollments that have occurred
ent years.³

Between 1964 and 1967 the proportion of males 20-24 years of age
d completed at least one year of college increased from 33 percent to
cent. U. S. Department of Commerce, Current Population Reports,
P-20, No. 169, pp. 9-10; No. 138, pp. 10-11.

One arrives at a rather different picture, however, by looking at the 14-15 year olds and the 16-17 year olds separately (Table 7.2). Of those currently in elementary and high school, the "college aspiration rates" of these two age categories are very close--72 percent for the younger group and 70 percent for the older group. But these percentages convey a misleading impression so far as the age categories as a whole are concerned, since a larger proportion of the 16-17 year olds than of the 14-15 year olds are already in college and also because a larger proportion of the older age group has withdrawn from school entirely, either upon graduating from high school or by dropping out before completing their secondary education. When both these factors are taken into account, the "college aspiration rate" for the total group of 14-15 year olds turns out to be perceptibly higher than for the 16-17 year olds--71 percent versus 62 percent.⁴

This has two implications. First, it means either that there has been a very rapid rise in aspiration levels over the past two years such that the educational goals of the current crop of 14-15 year olds are higher than those which the current 16-17 year cohort would have expressed two years earlier or, what seems more likely, that the educational goals of youngsters change sometime between 14 and 17 years of age. Second, if the latter explanation of the difference between the two age groups is valid, it means that using the aspiration rate for the entire 14-17 year age group rather overstates the desires of the group as of the time they are actually in a position to implement a decision to go to college.⁵

⁴ The relationship between the four ratios alluded to in this paragraph is specified by the following identity. For any age group let X_1 be the proportion of students in elementary or high school who aspire to go to college, X_2 the proportion of the age group not in school, X_3 the proportion enrolled in college, and X_4 the proportion of the age group who either are enrolled in college or aspire to go to college. Then,

$$X_4 = X_1 (1 - X_2 - X_3) + X_3$$

If more than one-half of the students in elementary and high school aspire to go to college, then equal percentage point increases in both X_2 and X_3 will cause X_4 to decrease.

⁵ When desires thus are overstated, it follows that the relative increase in the college enrollment ratio necessary to accommodate aspirations also is overstated. Actually the estimate of this relative increase is influenced not only by the impact of age on aspirations within the 14-17 year age group, but also by the fact that for men 18 years or older the proportion with some college decreases as age increases: 48 percent of men 18-19 years old, 45 percent of men 20-21 years old, and 38 percent of men 22-24 years old are either enrolled in or have had some college. Thus, to accommodate the aspirations of the 16-17 year olds would require an increase in enrollment ratios of 29 percent over those realized by 18-19 year olds, 38 percent over those realized by the 20-21 year olds, and 63 percent over those realized by the 22-24 year olds.

Table 7.2 Aspired and Expected College Enrollment Ratios, by Age: Males 14-17 Years of Age, by Color

| Aspired and expected college enrollment ratios | WHITES | | | BLACKS | | | TOTAL | | |
|---|--------|-------|-------------|--------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| | 14-15 | 16-17 | Total 14-17 | 14-15 | 16-17 | Total 14-17 | 14-15 | 16-17 | Total 14-17 |
| Proportion enrolled in college | (a) | 14 | 7 | (a) | 7 | 3 | (a) | 13 | 6 |
| Proportion not enrolled in school | 2 | 16 | 9 | 5 | 23 | 14 | 2 | 17 | 9 |
| College aspiration rate for students in elementary or high school ⁽¹⁾ | 73 | 71 | 73 | 66 | 62 | 64 | 72 | 70 | 72 |
| Expected college enrollment rate for students in elementary or high school ⁽²⁾ | 65 | 62 | 64 | 52 | 54 | 53 | 63 | 61 | 62 |
| Overall college aspiration rate ⁽³⁾ | 72 | 64 | 68 | 63 | 51 | 56 | 71 | 62 | 67 |
| Overall expected college enrollment rate ⁽⁴⁾ | 64 | 58 | 61 | 49 | 45 | 47 | 62 | 56 | 59 |

(a) The proportion is less than one-half of one percent.

(1) The proportion of elementary and high school students who aspire to go to college.

(2) The proportion of elementary and high school students who expect to go to college.

(3) The proportion of an age group who either are enrolled in college or aspire to go to college.

(4) The proportion of an age group who either are enrolled in college or expect to go to college.

Educational Expectations

But the matter does not stop here, since a far from negligible number of the young teenage students themselves realize that their educational aspirations are somewhat unrealistic (Table 7.2). When they talk about what they expect, rather than what they would like to have, only 63 percent of the age cohort enrolled in elementary and high school regard themselves as candidates for college, as compared with the 71 percent who say they would like to go. Adjusting for those already attending college and for those not enrolled in school, this amounts to an expected enrollment ratio for the entire age cohort of about 59 percent--61 percent for the whites and 47 percent for the blacks.

As was true in the case of the "aspired enrollment rate," there also is a fairly substantial difference in "expected enrollment rate" between the 14-15 year olds and the 16-17 year olds. For both color groups combined, the expected enrollment rate of the older group is 56 percent compared with 62 percent for the younger group. The corresponding figures for the whites are 58 percent and 64 percent; for the blacks, 45 percent and 49 percent.

Using as a criterion the achieved college enrollment rates for the 18-19 year olds who are no longer in high school, the expectations of the current crop of 16-17 year olds do not appear to be unrealistic, at least for the whites. Among all white youth 16-17 years old, as has been seen, 56 percent either are currently enrolled in college or are in elementary or high school and expect to have some college education. This compares with 51 percent of the total group of 18-19 year olds who are either currently enrolled or have had some college work.⁶ However, there is less reason to be sanguine about the prospects of the black youth realizing their expectations. Only 24 percent of the 18-19 year olds are either currently enrolled in college or have had some college work, but the expectation rate of the 16-17 year olds is 45 percent.

Thus far the discussion of the relationship between educational aspirations and expectations has focused exclusively on the difference between the desire and the expectation of achieving some exposure to

⁶ Two important omissions cause this statistic to be biased. First, there is a downward bias because it does not include high school students in this age group who eventually will go to college. Second, there may be a bias in the opposite direction caused by the fact that the percentage based on the civilian population, since our data indicate that veterans are less likely to enter college than nonveterans and since a substantial proportion of 18 to 19 year olds are in the armed forces. However, it is entirely possible that recent changes in draft regulations or other factors may alter these past relationships between veteran status and college enrollment.

lege. This tends to understate the number whose aspirations exceed their expectations, however, since a good number of those who expect to go to college, nevertheless do not anticipate getting as much education as they desire (Table 7.3). Considering white youth, for example, only 10 percent of all those who aspire to some college study do not expect to achieve their goals. However, of those who want a baccalaureate degree, 15 percent do not expect to achieve it. Of those who would like some graduate education, almost three out of ten expect to be disappointed.

In the case of the blacks, the pattern is similar. While, overall, more than a fifth of those who aspire to some college study do not expect to get beyond high school, almost three out of ten who want college degrees expect to stop short of them, and over a fifth of those who want to proceed to graduate studies do not expect to do so. As is implied by the foregoing, the difference between expectations and aspirations is somewhat greater for the blacks than for the whites. However, this is only the result of the larger proportion of blacks than of whites who expect to be disappointed in their quest for a college degree. Actually, relatively more blacks than whites who aspire to two years of college or graduate work expect to fulfill their aspirations.

OCCUPATIONAL ASPIRATIONS

Expected Occupation at Age 30

Table 7.4 shows how white and black youth enrolled in each of the years of high school are distributed according to the occupation they hope to be in at age 30. Neglecting for a moment the implications of the overall distribution and focusing on comparisons by color and by year in school, several interesting observations can be made. First, a large majority of youngsters in each year of school are able and willing to state a specific occupational goal, but as many as a fifth of the total group are not. This proportion is considerably higher among freshmen (over one-fourth) than among seniors (about one-eighth). It is rather curious that the decline in the proportion of young men who are as yet undecided about the occupation they wish to pursue is not so pronounced. There is a perceptible drop between freshmen and sophomores and another between juniors and seniors, but not much difference between seniors and juniors in their sophomore and junior years.

Second, there is not a great deal of difference between the occupational aspirations of white and black youth--certainly not nearly so much as there is between actual occupational distributions of 30-year-olds of blacks and whites currently in the labor force. Black youngsters, particularly those in their freshman and sophomore years, appear to be somewhat more likely than whites to be able to specify an occupational preference. But of all those who do indicate their preference, the pattern of choice is remarkably similar between the two color groups. Of those

Table 7.3 Amount of Education Youth Expect to Receive, by Educational Aspirations: Males 14-17 Years of Age Enrolled in Elementary or High School Who Have College Aspirations, by Color

(Percentage distribution)

| Amount of education expected (years) | 14 years | 16 years | More than 16 years | Total or average |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|------------------|
| WHITES | | | | |
| 12 or less | 27 | 12 | 3 | 12 |
| 14 | 72 | 8 | 3 | 17 |
| 16 | 2 | 79 | 22 | 53 |
| More than 16 | 0 | 2 | 72 | 18 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 625 | 2,289 | 926 | 3,840 |
| BLACKS | | | | |
| 12 or less | 24 | 19 | 4 | 18 |
| 14 | 74 | 8 | 8 | 22 |
| 16 | 2 | 72 | 10 | 49 |
| More than 16 | 0 | 1 | 78 | 11 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 111 | 348 | 72 | 531 |

Table 7.4 Occupation Desired at Age 30, by Year of School Attending: Males 14-17 Years of Age, Enrolled in High School, by Color
(Percentage distribution)

| Occupation desired at age 30 | WHITES | | | | | BLACKS | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------|---------|---------|------------------|----------|------------|---------|---------|------------------|
| | Freshmen | Sophomores | Juniors | Seniors | Total or average | Freshmen | Sophomores | Juniors | Seniors | Total or average |
| White collar | 49 | 57 | 57 | 58 | 56 | 43 | 58 | 54 | 61 | 54 |
| Professional and technical | 40 | 51 | 47 | 48 | 47 | 33 | 48 | 46 | 45 | 44 |
| Nonfarm managers and proprietors | 5 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Clerical and sales | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 6 |
| Blue collar | 16 | 15 | 17 | 21 | 17 | 30 | 23 | 21 | 25 | 24 |
| Craftsmen and foremen | 12 | 11 | 14 | 18 | 14 | 22 | 14 | 16 | 13 | 16 |
| Operatives and nonfarm laborers | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 9 |
| Other (1) | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Don't know | 28 | 20 | 19 | 13 | 20 | 23 | 15 | 21 | 11 | 18 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 891 | 1,536 | 1,471 | 1,169 | 5,066 | 157 | 231 | 207 | 129 | 725 |

(1) Other includes service, farm, and armed forces occupations not shown separately.

who specify an occupational goal, 59 percent of the whites and 53 percent of the blacks aspire to professional or technical jobs; 10 percent and 12 percent, respectively, hope to be in other white collar jobs.⁷ Skilled manual work is mentioned by 18 percent of the whites and 20 percent of the blacks. Very few of the youth--9 percent of the whites and 5 percent of the blacks--aspire to service work, farm occupations, or occupations in the military.

A third observation based on the data in Table 7.4 is that, except for the increasing proportion of youth who decide upon an occupational goal as they progress through high school, there is not much difference in the occupational aspirations of youngsters who are in different years of high school. The notable exception to this generalization, as has already been implied, is the substantial difference between the aspirations of black youngsters in their freshman year and those in the higher grades. Considering only those black youth who specify occupational goals, freshmen are less likely than those in higher grades to aspire to white-collar occupations and are correspondingly more likely to choose blue-collar occupations. The fact that this difference exists for the blacks, but not for the whites, may mean that high school has a greater effect on black than on white youth in creating an awareness of white-collar life styles.

Perhaps the most striking feature of the occupational aspirations of the high school youth is the substantial proportion who would like to be in professional or technical occupations when they reach 30 years of age. Overall, almost half of the youngsters--47 percent of the whites and 44 percent of the blacks--specify a type of work that falls in the professional and technical major occupation group. Given that only about one-eighth of employed males currently serve in these occupations, and that even among the best-educated age cohort 25 to 34 years of age the proportion is only 17 percent,⁸ it is virtually certain that the

7 In his questionnaire survey of a national sample of school youth, James S. Coleman also found the educational and occupational aspirations of Negro youth (twelfth grade in high school) to be quite high, and in many cases, similar to those of white youth. See his Equality of Educational Opportunity (Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1966), pp. 217-333. For summaries of other research comparing white and black aspirations see: Meyer Weinberg, Desegregation Research: An Appraisal (Bloomington, Indiana: Phi Delta Kappa, 1968), Chapter 3; and William P. Kuvlesky and Michael F. Lever, Occupational Status Orientations of Negro Youth: Annotated Abstracts of the Research Literature, Texas A&M University, Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology Technical Report No. 67-2, June, 1967, pp. 24-38.

8 Computed from U.S. Department of Labor, Labor Force and Employment in 1965, Special Labor Force Report No. 69, Table C-8, p. A-23.

ires of substantial numbers of the youth under consideration will not fulfilled, even allowing for a continuation of recent trends in the upational structure of the labor force.

Relationship between Occupational and Educational Aspirations

In the aggregate, the occupational aspirations of students 14-17 rs of age appear to be commensurate with the amount of additional ation that the total age group desires, but there are some anomalies i educational and occupational goals are related (Table 7.5). The 62 cent of the white and 51 percent of the black youth who want college rees are not far out of line with the 52 and 48 percent, respectively, aspire to professional and managerial occupations. The overwhelming ority of those who want to be in white-collar jobs at age 30 hope to ar college--90 percent of the whites and 84 percent of the blacks. se who want to be in blue-collar occupations are much less likely to t to have any formal education beyond high school--36 percent of the es and 42 percent of the blacks. But one wonders about the relatively i proportions of those with blue-collar aspirations who, nevertheless, e to have college degrees. This proportion is 20 percent in the case he whites and 27 percent in the case of the blacks. In fact, included these totals are 3 percent of each color group who want to obtain more i four years of college. This entire question of the relationship een educational and occupational aspirations is one to which we ect to give more attention when we have an opportunity to examine the upational data at the 3-digit level of detail.

It is noteworthy that youngsters who are as yet undecided about the opation they wish to pursue, nevertheless, are able to indicate the unt of education they wish to obtain. Moreover, among white youth, se undecided about the specific type of work they desire have educational s not far different from the average, except for a smaller proportion want more than four years of college. On the other hand, among black h undecided about occupations, there is a considerably higher-than-average ortion who do not aspire to any college work.

Expectations of Achieving Occupational Goals

One suspects that wanting to be in a particular occupation at age s not the same thing to many teenagers as actually expecting to be hat occupational role. As has been seen, there are fairly substantial arities between educational aspirations and expectations, which otless affect the prospects of a young man's being able to prepare elf for the occupation he most desires.

A substantial number of youngsters who are able to name the occupa- in which they would like to be at age 30 do not think their chances achieving this goal are very good (Table 7.6). Overall, about three-tenths he youngsters, irrespective of color, perceive their chances of eving the desired occupation to be only fair or poor. Surprisingly,

Table 7.5 Educational Aspirations, by Occupation Desired at Age 30: Males
14-17 Years of Age Enrolled in Elementary or High School, by Col

(Percentage distribution)

| Educational aspirations (years) | White collar | Blue collar | Service and farm | Don't know(1) | Total average |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| WHITES | | | | | |
| 12 or less | 10 | 64 | 49 | 30 | 28 |
| 14 | 9 | 16 | 17 | 14 | 17 |
| 16 | 52 | 17 | 28 | 49 | 47 |
| More than 16 | 29 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 16 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 2,797 | 1,031 | 265 | 1,204 | 5,297 |
| BLACKS | | | | | |
| 12 or less | 16 | 58 | 46 | 53 | 33 |
| 14 | 13 | 14 | 24 | 12 | 14 |
| 16 | 56 | 24 | 31 | 33 | 47 |
| More than 16 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 414 | 223 | 19 | 171 | 827 |

(1) Don't know includes both don't know and not ascertained. Of this group fewer than 1 percent do not know their educational goals.

Table 7.6

Perceived Chances of Achieving Occupational Goals, by Occupation Desired at Age 30:
 Males 14-17 Years of Age Enrolled in High School, by Color (1)
 (Percentage distribution)

| Perceived chances of achieving desired occupation | White collar | | | | Blue collar | | | Other (2) | Total or average |
|--|---------------------------|--|----------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | Professional technical | Nonfarm managers and proprietors | Clerical | Total or average | Craftsmen foremen | Operatives and nonfarm laborers | Total or average | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| WHITES | | | | | | | | | |
| Excellent | 12 | 26 | 10 | 13 | 14 | 11 | 20 | 14 | 14 |
| Good | 59 | 48 | 47 | 57 | 54 | 48 | 55 | 53 | 56 |
| Fair or poor | 29 | 26 | 42 | 30 | 32 | 42 | 24 | 34 | 30 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 2,296 | 261 | 161 | 2,718 | 634 | 166 | 314 | 800 | 4,004 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | | | |
| Excellent | 11 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 14 | 8 | 18 | 12 | 11 |
| Good | 56 | 60 | 48 | 56 | 57 | 63 | 67 | 59 | 57 |
| Fair or poor | 33 | 30 | 45 | 34 | 28 | 30 | 15 | 29 | 32 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 313 | 30 | 40 | 382 | 114 | 60 | 26 | 174 | 593 |

(1) Excludes those who were unable to name an occupation desired at age 30 and those who desire an occupation that is the same as their current or last occupation.

(2) Other includes service, farm, and armed forces occupations not shown separately.

the degree of confidence they express in their ability to achieve their occupational goals is largely independent of the major occupation group of the type of work they desire. Among whites, the proportion of youngsters describing their chances as fair or poor ranges between 24 and 30 for all occupational aspiration categories in which numbers are large enough for a reliable estimate. Among blacks, in the categories with sufficiently large numbers of observations for reliable estimates, the range is equally narrow--from 28 to 34 percent. It is especially interesting that those who aspire to professional or technical jobs are generally as confident as those with other occupational goals of realizing their ambitions. This is true for both white and black youth.

There is little if any tendency for black youth to be more pessimistic than white youth about achieving their occupational goals. Eleven percent of the black teenagers, as compared with 14 percent of the white, regard their chances to be "excellent"; and 32 percent of the blacks, compared with 30 percent of the whites, say their chances are only fair or poor. Among those who are looking forward to blue-collar jobs, black youth are actually somewhat more optimistic about achieving their goals than the white.

A variety of reasons is given by those who think the chance of attaining their specified occupational goal is only fair or poor (Table 7.7). Overall, in about one case in six the cause of the doubt appears to be not a perceived obstacle to the attainment of the goal, but rather the feeling on the part of the youngster that he may change his mind. On the other hand, about 30 percent of the youth cite academic deficiencies as the source of their doubts about attaining occupational goals. This is most commonly mentioned by those aspiring to white-collar jobs. There is an interesting difference between whites and blacks in this respect. Among whites, poor grades are more likely than among blacks to be singled out as the barrier to the achievement of occupational goals. Thus, among those aspiring to white-collar jobs who feel that their chances are only fair or poor, 22 percent of the whites allude to poor grades and 16 percent to "lack of education"; among blacks the corresponding proportions are 12 and 22 percent.

Reasons for Preferred Occupations

When asked the reason for their specific occupational goal, a great majority of high school youth irrespective of color indicate that intrinsic factors (i.e., "the nature of the work," "find it enjoyable") are most important. Around 80 percent of the whites and 71 percent of the blacks mention intrinsic factors. Most of the remaining youth explain their choice in terms of their belief that they have the necessary talent or ability to perform the work or in terms of the economic rewards of the occupation. Although the proportion who give economic reasons is small, blacks (8 percent) are twice as likely as whites to mention this reason.

Table 7.7 Reasons for Doubts about Realizing Occupational Goals, by Type of Occupation Desired at Age 30: Males 14-17 Years of Age Enrolled in High School Who Believe Chances of Attaining Occupational Goals Are Fair or Poor, by Color⁽¹⁾

(Percentage distribution)

| Reason for doubts | White collar | Blue collar | Other ⁽²⁾ | Total or average |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|
| WHITES | | | | |
| Poor grades | 22 | 9 | 6 | 18 |
| Lack of education | 16 | 8 | 1 | 13 |
| Lack of experience | 5 | 20 | 17 | 9 |
| May change mind | 16 | 21 | 17 | 17 |
| All others | 41 | 42 | 59 | 43 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 810 | 275 | 81 | 1,242 |
| BLACKS | | | | |
| Poor grades | 12 | 4 | 0 | 9 |
| Lack of education | 22 | 16 | 25 | 21 |
| Lack of experience | 10 | 50 | 25 | 21 |
| May change mind | 19 | 5 | 25 | 15 |
| All others | 37 | 24 | 25 | 33 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 132 | 50 | 4 | 193 |

(1) Excludes those who were unable to name an occupation desired at age 30 and those who desire an occupation that is the same as their current or last occupation.

(2) Other includes service, farm, and armed forces occupations not shown separately.

III CORRELATES OF HIGH OCCUPATIONAL ASPIRATION

As has been seen, almost half of the young teenage males 14-17 years of age who are enrolled in high school aspire to occupations in the professional and technical category. In this section, we investigate the factors that appear to be associated with the choice of high status careers. The professional and technical occupation group is taken to represent "high status" jobs because, for the labor force as a whole, it contains a higher proportion of college educated workers than any other occupational category and because average earnings are higher than in any other category.

Family Background

The likelihood of a high school youth's aspiring to a professional or technical career is directly related to the degree of urbanization of the community in which he lives (Table 7.8).⁹ Among whites, rural farm youth have the smallest percentage with such aspirations (34 percent) followed by those in towns or small cities (48 or 49 percent), and those in large cities (54 percent) and suburbs (51 percent). The pattern for black youth is very much the same, although rural nonfarm youth are slightly less likely than those on farms to want to be professional or technical workers. There are not enough black youth living in suburbs to provide a meaningful estimate. Some of these differences in occupational aspirations between rural and urban youth are doubtless attributable to variations in character of education, socioeconomic status, and value systems. In addition, the environment of the latter brings a much larger number and variety of occupations to their attention. Hence, urban youth are more likely to learn about the content of these occupations, their status in the prestige hierarchy, their rewards and satisfactions, and their entry requirements.

Socioeconomic status of family, as reflected by the type of occupation of head of household when the youth was 14 years of age, has a pronounced effect on the occupational aspirations of the young men under consideration. Sons of white-collar workers are more likely than those of blue-collar workers to aspire to professional or technical careers. In the case of whites, the respective proportions are 55 percent and 45 percent; for the blacks, they are 66 percent and 46 percent. Thus, while there is no

⁹ Other studies also find that small town and rural youth generally have lower levels of aspiration than urban youth. See: Lee G. Burchinal, Career Choices of Rural Youth in a Changing Society, North Central Regional Publication No. 142, Bulletin 458 (St. Paul: Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, 1962); A.O. Haller and W.H. Sewell, "Farm Residence and Levels of Occupational and Educational Aspirations," American Journal of Sociology, Vol. 62 (1957), pp. 407-411.

Table 7.8 Proportion Who Aspire to Professional or Technical Occupations at Age 30 and Proportion Undecided on Occupational Goal, by Selected Aspects of Family Background: Males 14-17 Years of Age Enrolled in High School, by Color

| Aspect of family background | WHITES | | | BLACKS | | |
|---|--------------------------|---|-------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent aspiring to professional or technical occupations | Percent undecided | Total number (thousands) | Percent aspiring to professional or technical occupations | Percent undecided |
| Residence at age 14 | | | | | | |
| Rural farm | 619 | 34 | 19 | 97 | 34 | 31 |
| Rural nonfarm | 500 | 41 | 23 | 68 | 30 | 21 |
| Town (under 25,000) | 1,568 | 49 | 20 | 153 | 46 | 17 |
| Suburb | 514 | 51 | 16 | 15 | 20 | 27 |
| Small city (25,000-100,000) | 856 | 48 | 21 | 109 | 48 | 23 |
| Large city (100,000 or over) | 994 | 54 | 18 | 283 | 56 | 14 |
| Total or average | 5,066 | 47 | 20 | 725 | 44 | 18 |
| Occupation of head of household when youth was age 14 | | | | | | |
| White collar | 1,896 | 55 | 20 | 67 | 66 | 17 |
| Blue collar | 2,126 | 45 | 18 | 355 | 46 | 18 |
| Other (1) | 715 | 34 | 25 | 209 | 38 | 17 |
| Total or average | 5,066 | 47 | 20 | 725 | 44 | 18 |
| Exposure to reading material at age 14 | | | | | | |
| Had library card, newspapers, magazines | 3,416 | 53 | 20 | 259 | 51 | 16 |
| Lacked one or more | 1,636 | 35 | 20 | 464 | 40 | 18 |
| Total or average | 5,066 | 47 | 20 | 725 | 44 | 18 |
| Nationality | | | | | | |
| U.S. or Canada | 3,359 | 45 | 21 | (2) | | |
| North or West Europe | 105 | 40 | 34 | | | |
| Central or East Europe | 767 | 46 | 18 | | | |
| South Europe | 396 | 56 | 20 | | | |
| Latin America | 349 | 62 | 11 | | | |
| Other | 83 | 52 | 20 | | | |
| Total or average | 5,066 | 47 | 20 | | | |

Other includes service, farm, and armed forces occupations.

Nationality not computed for blacks due to predominantly U.S. heritage.

difference in level of occupational aspiration between white and black youth who come from blue-collar families, the black youth from white-collar families are more likely than the white to have professional or technical aspirations. Youngsters of both color groups, from families headed by farm or service workers are least likely of all to aspire to professional or technical careers.

Another socioeconomic measure that is even more strongly correlated with occupational aspirations is the extent to which the youngster (at age 14) had ready access to reading material in the home. Of those whose families had library cards and regularly received both magazines and newspapers, over half of both whites and blacks wish to be in professional or technical jobs at age 30. Among those whose families lacked any one or more of these forms of written material, only a third of the whites and two-fifths of the blacks had such high aspirations.

Among whites, the national origin of the youth's family also appears to be related to his occupational aspirations. Those youngsters whose parents or grandparents originated in Southern Europe or in Latin America appear to be more likely than other youngsters to want to be professional or technical workers. Youth whose nationality is Latin American are also the least likely to be undecided about the occupation they want--only one in ten does not specify an occupational goal.

Educational Characteristics

There are a number of aspects of high school experience that are related to the type of occupation a high school student specifies as his goal. Many of these explanatory variables are themselves intercorrelated, and it is not clear at this juncture which of them exercise independent effects. Nevertheless, the gross relationships between occupational aspiration and high school curriculum, attitude toward school, favorite subject, amount of time spent on homework, and favorite out-of-school activity are shown in Table 7.9.

It hardly is surprising that those in the college preparatory high school curriculum are by far the most likely to aspire to professional or technical occupations. What is perhaps unexpected is that the proportion of black youth in this curriculum who want to be professional or technical workers is even higher than the corresponding proportion of white youngsters--73 percent versus 64 percent. Both color groups in the general curriculum have the next highest proportion with aspirations for a professional or technical career--36 percent. Even in the vocational curriculum, a fourth of the whites and almost a third of the blacks aspire to the highest level occupations--an aspiration that would appear to be of rather questionable realism.

There also are differences in the extent of indecision as to career among those in different curricula. Both white and black youngsters in the college preparatory curriculum are more likely to have a specific

Table 7.9

Proportion Aspiring to Professional or Technical Occupations at Age 30
and Proportion Undecided on Occupational Goal, by Selected Educational
Characteristics: Males 14-17 Years of Age Enrolled in High School, by Color

| Educational Characteristic | WHITES | | | BLACKS | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent aspiring to professional or technical occupations | Percent undecided | Total number (thousands) | Percent aspiring to professional or technical occupations | Percent undecided |
| High school curriculum | | | | | | |
| Vocational | 433 | 26 | 6 | 84 | 31 | 17 |
| Commercial | 136 | 21 | 30 | 28 | 32 | 17 |
| College preparatory | 2,147 | 64 | 17 | 161 | 73 | 6 |
| General | 2,169 | 36 | 24 | 433 | 36 | 22 |
| Total or average | 5,066 | 47 | 20 | 725 | 44 | 18 |
| Favorite high school subject(1) | | | | | | |
| Humanities | 603 | 46 | 19 | 136 | 38 | 14 |
| Social science | 739 | 52 | 19 | 105 | 55 | 14 |
| Science | 741 | 59 | 18 | 90 | 57 | 20 |
| Mathematics | 902 | 53 | 19 | 113 | 50 | 18 |
| Vocational | 710 | 39 | 12 | 58 | 33 | 18 |
| Other(2) | 341 | 46 | 20 | 54 | 45 | 8 |
| None | 61 | 20 | 35 | 4 | 22 | 61 |
| Total or average | 4,176 | 49 | 18 | 568 | 47 | 16 |
| Out-of-school activity engaged in most (1) | | | | | | |
| Sports | 1,016 | 48 | 22 | 168 | 52 | 11 |
| Hobby | 563 | 50 | 13 | 40 | 52 | 10 |
| Reading | 199 | 70 | 8 | 45 | 72 | 5 |
| Work for pay | 572 | 48 | 18 | 78 | 31 | 28 |
| All others | 1,612 | 47 | 18 | 195 | 43 | 20 |
| Total or average | 4,176 | 49 | 18 | 568 | 47 | 16 |
| Hours per week spent on homework (1) | | | | | | |
| 4 or less | 1,010 | 41 | 19 | 107 | 35 | 17 |
| 5-9 | 1,720 | 47 | 18 | 233 | 42 | 21 |
| 10-14 | 1,018 | 58 | 16 | 169 | 56 | 11 |
| 15 or more | 377 | 55 | 18 | 55 | 64 | 6 |
| Total or average | 4,176 | 49 | 18 | 568 | 47 | 16 |
| Reaction to high school experience (1) | | | | | | |
| Like it very much | 1,723 | 57 | 16 | 318 | 46 | 13 |
| Like it fairly well | 2,150 | 43 | 20 | 240 | 47 | 20 |
| Dislike it | 247 | 40 | 16 | 7 | 88 | 0 |
| Total or average | 4,176 | 49 | 18 | 568 | 47 | 16 |

1 Includes only those who have completed one year of high school.

2 Other includes foreign languages, commercial, and miscellaneous.

occupational goal than those in the general curriculum. Whites who are pursuing vocational curricula are least likely to be undecided.

Students whose favorite subjects are science, mathematics, and social science are more likely to aspire to professional or technical occupations than those who prefer humanities, vocational subjects, or others. The pattern is remarkably similar for black and white youngsters, although there are too few of the latter in several of the categories to permit confident conclusions.

Very few youngsters 14-17 years of age name reading as the nonschool activity that accounts for most of their time; but "readers" are considered less likely than others to be undecided about the occupation they hope to be in at age 30 and are considerably more likely than others to aspire to professional or technical careers. Compared to the average of 49 percent of the white youth who want to be in professional or technical occupations, 70 percent of those who spend most of their time reading have such aspirations. Compared to the average of 18 percent who are undecided about their career, only 8 percent of the "readers" are unable to specify an occupational goal. Among black youth the same type of relationships prevail. Of those whose chief out-of-school activity is reading, 72 percent aspire to professional or technical occupational goals and only 5 percent are undecided, as compared with the overall averages of 47 percent and 16 percent, respectively. In the case of white youngsters there are no other marked differences related to out-of-school activity. Black youth, on the other hand, whose chief activity is working for pay have an above average proportion who are undecided about future occupation, and a below average proportion who wish to pursue professional or technical work.

Among both white and black youth there is a direct relationship between the amount of time the youngster devotes to his homework and the likelihood of his aspiring to a professional or technical career. Among white youth who spend fewer than four hours per week on homework, 41 percent wish to be in professional or technical jobs at age 30. This proportion rises to over 55 percent of those who spend ten or more hours per week on homework. The same tendency exists among black youth. It is interesting that the inter-color difference in the proportion with aspirations for high status jobs disappears as hours per week devoted to homework increase. Among those spending fewer than five hours a week, a larger proportion of whites (41 percent) than of blacks (35 percent) want to enter professional or technical careers. For those who spend over ten hours per week on homework, almost three-fifths of both color groups have such high level aspirations.

Desire for a professional or technical career is related to the degree of positive feelings the white youngster expresses about his high school experience, but this pattern does not prevail among the black. Of the white youth who say they like their high school experience very much, 57 percent aspire to professional or technical occupations. This compares with only 43 percent of those who "like it fairly well."

How much a young man knows about the world of work has a considerable influence on the nature of his occupational aspirations (Table 7.10). For example, those youngsters between the ages of 14 and 17 who scored high on the occupational information test are more likely than those with low scores to have a specific occupational goal. Moreover, of those who specify goals, youngsters with high scores are considerably more likely than the low scorers to aspire to professional or technical occupations. Among white youngsters, 25 percent of those with the least occupational knowledge are undecided about their occupational goal, as compared with 3 percent of those with the most knowledge. The corresponding proportions among the black youth are 24 percent and 3 percent. In the case of white youth there is a 25 percentage point spread between those with low scores and those with high scores in the proportions aspiring to professional or technical jobs (33 percent versus 58 percent). In the case of the blacks, the corresponding spread is 39 percentage points (30 percent of those with low scores and 69 percent of those with high scores). It is noteworthy that if one considers only those youth with medium and high scores on the occupational information test, the proportion of black youth aspiring to professional or technical occupations is higher than that of white. Also, the proportion undecided about career is much lower among the blacks than among the whites.

Part of the apparent influence of occupational information is probably simply a reflection of the effect of socioeconomic status, with high scores on the occupational information test are known to be correlated.¹⁰ Nevertheless, that occupational information has some independent influence is suggested by the fact that the relationships shown in Table 7.10 are stronger than those shown in Table 7.8. Moreover, career decision is not at all systematically related to measures of socioeconomic status but is strongly related to occupational information test scores.

SUMMARY

Young men between the ages of 14 and 17 who are enrolled in elementary or high school have set very high educational and occupational goals for themselves. Three-fifths of the age group say they want to obtain four or more years of college, and seven out of ten desire at least two years of college. With respect to work careers, although about one in five has not yet made up his mind, almost half say they want to be in professional or technical occupations by age 30.

On the basis of foreseeable trends in college enrollment ratios and occupational distribution of job opportunities, it is virtually certain that many of these youth will not realize their aspirations.

¹⁰ See supra, Chapter 5, Table 5.2.

Table 7.10 Proportion Aspiring to Professional or Technical Occupations
at Age 30 and Proportion Undecided on Occupational Goal, by
Score on Occupational Information Test: Males 14-17 Years of
Age, by Color

| Score on occupational information test | Total number (thousands) | Percent aspiring to professional or technical occupations | Percent undecided |
|---|--------------------------|---|-------------------|
| High Medium Low Total or average | WHITES | | |
| | 1,510 | 58 | 16 |
| | 2,970 | 45 | 18 |
| | 1,800 | 33 | 25 |
| | 6,280 | 45 | 20 |
| | BLACKS | | |
| | 76 | 69 | 3 |
| | 315 | 48 | 17 |
| Low | 610 | 30 | 24 |
| Total or average | 1,001 | 39 | 20 |

Indeed, many of the youngsters themselves seem to understand this, for their expectations are considerably more modest than their hopes, with respect to both educational attainment and occupational choice. Overall, the amount of education the youngsters in the age cohort expect to receive is still greater than what their predecessors have obtained, but not so much greater as to be patently unrealistic, given recent trends in enrollment ratios.

But while this is true in the aggregate, it is almost certainly not true for the black youth. On the average, they profess to want almost as much education as the whites and their occupational goals are only slightly more modest than those of whites. Moreover, the gap between their aspirations and their expectations is only slightly wider than that for the whites. As a consequence, while their expectations concerning education and careers are somewhat more modest than those of white youngsters, their ambitions far exceed the current achievements of young black men. Even on the basis of the most optimistic assumptions about the rate of increase in opportunities for black youth, it seems almost certain that unfulfilled expectations will be more frequent for the black teenagers than for the white.

The factors that differentiate between youth with high and those with lower occupational aspirations are very similar to those related to school attendance. Aspirations for professional or technical careers are associated with urban rather than rural residence, high socioeconomic status of family, enrollment in college preparatory curriculum, positive attitudes toward school, spending above average amounts of time on homework, and having above average knowledge of the world of work. Many of these factors, of course, are intercorrelated, and it is not possible at this stage of the analysis to be confident of the net effects of any of them.

A very interesting finding has been the interaction between color and some of the afore mentioned factors that are related to aspiration level. As has been mentioned, black youth in the aggregate only have slightly lower aspiration levels than white youth. But when one controls for some of the factors mentioned above, the aspiration level of blacks in the top categories is perceptibly higher than that of whites. For instance, the proportion of blacks aspiring to professional or technical careers is greater than that of whites in families headed by white-collar workers, among students in the college preparatory curriculum, and among youngsters with high occupational information scores.

As our longitudinal study unfolds, we shall be interested particularly in studying the relationships among aspirations, expectations, and realizations. Viewing occupational choice as a process, we shall wish to ascertain how and why aspirations change over time, the relation between the aspirations of youth and their educational and labor market decisions, and the personal and environmental factors that appear to facilitate the translation of aspirations into realizations.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This volume, in a sense, is the prologue to an intensive longitudinal of the educational and labor market experiences of young men at the holds of their careers. The total five-year study is designed to ze the career choices of youth as a developmental process, including aspirations, their educational decisions, and their early accommoda- to the labor market. The longitudinal nature of the study will permit examine the way in which aspirations are modified during the ation process and as the result of experiences both in the school n the labor market. We shall be interested particularly in exploring ources of variation in labor market experience and behavior and in egree to which career aspirations are realized.

The previous chapters have set the stage for this longitudinal sis by examining in depth the current school and labor market status e total age cohort. We have examined the labor force participation he unemployment experience of both students and nonstudents and have red the sources of variation in these variables. The types of jobs by employed students and nonstudents have been analyzed, including of work and rates of pay. A beginning has been made at studying bility of out-of-school youth by noting the job changes they have made e past year as well as those since having left school. Variation in xtent of information about the world of work has been measured by of an occupational information test, and the determinants as well ne of the labor market consequences of this variation have been red. For employed youth not enrolled in school, we have analyzed tent and the sources of job satisfaction and also have explored ospective mobility of the young men as measured by their relative gness to consider alternative jobs. Finally, for that portion of ge cohort still in elementary or high school, we have examined tions and expectations with respect to further education and future tion.

The findings relating to each of these aspects of the investigation een summarized in some detail in the concluding sections of previous rs. In the present chapter our purpose is to integrate rather than

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to summarize; that is, we focus on several themes that appear to have emerged from the study as a whole, and also suggest the main thrusts of our future research as the data from the follow-up surveys become available. In addition, we draw certain comparisons and contrasts between our findings here and those of our previous study of an older cohort of men.¹

There is probably no other age group of males between the ages of 14 and 65 in which a few years make as much difference as they do in the case of the group under consideration in this study. At age 14 the youth is hardly more than a child; he is just embarking on his secondary education and is below the legal age limit for almost all types of full-time employment; he generally has no economic responsibilities; he is just emerging from the fantasy stage of occupational aspiration and he has very little knowledge or understanding of the dimensions of the world of work. Four years later he has completed high school and, if not in the armed services, either has entered the labor market for full-time employment or has continued his education or training in preparation for a more-or-less specific work career. By age 24, he has, in the vast majority of cases, left school permanently, has typically assumed the economic responsibilities of a family, and frequently has a more-or-less firm occupational commitment.

As a consequence of this extreme variation, it is difficult if not impossible to make generalizations for the entire age cohort. Indeed, it has been rather awkward even to settle upon a designation for the total group that is equally appropriate for all of its subsets. "Young men," in some contexts, is too presumptuous a term for the 14 year olds, while "boys" is obviously inappropriate for those in their twenties. The heterogeneity of the total age cohort is also responsible for the fact that much of the analysis has dealt merely with segments of the total sample: some of the questions that have been important for those out of school (e.g., degree of attachment to current employer) would not be particularly interesting as applied to students. Conversely, an exploration of the educational and occupational aspirations of students has been easier to execute with our data and is also probably somewhat more meaningful than a similar analysis for nonstudents, particularly in view of the fact that changes in these aspirations will be studied in subsequent surveys.

Comparison of the data produced by the current survey with those generated by the Current Population Survey of the same month leads to the strong suspicion that the standard questions used to ascertain the labor force and employment status of individuals produce different estimates

¹ Herbert S. Parnes et al., The Pre-Retirement Years: A Longitudinal Study of the Labor Market Experience of the Cohort of Men 45-59 Years of Age (Columbus: Ohio State University Center for Human Resource Research, 1968)

or male youth when directed at the youth themselves than when directed at other members of the household. For the total age group of males 14-24, the present survey measures employment at about 2.1 million (about 25 percent) higher than the estimate of the Current Population Survey for October, 1966. The number unemployed also is higher than in the CPS by about 300,000, or slightly more than 15 percent. Thus, the labor force participation rate for the age group as measured by the present survey is 5 percentage points higher than that yielded by the CPS, and the unemployment rate is 1.6 percentage points higher. Since the present survey differs from the Current Population Survey in several respects other than the source of data, we are reserving judgment on the causes of the differences in measurement until methodological investigations currently under way in the Bureau of the Census have been completed.

SOURCES OF VARIATION IN EDUCATIONAL AND LABOR MARKET EXPERIENCE

Labor Market Status of Students and Nonstudents

There are such profound differences in labor market characteristics between youth enrolled in school and those not enrolled that it is frequently not very meaningful to present labor force and employment statistics for the total group without a breakdown by school enrollment status. Data for young men 18-19 years of age are illustrative. The group is divided relatively equally between those enrolled in school (56 percent) and those not enrolled. The former are only three-fifths as likely as the latter to be in the labor force; but, considering only those who are economically active, students are about three times as likely as nonstudents to be unemployed. Among the employed, those enrolled in school are more than four times as likely to be working only part time as those who are not. They are three times as likely to be employed in white-collar jobs, and are less than half as likely to be employed in goods producing industries.

Racial Differences

There is scarcely an aspect of the educational and labor market experience of young males in which pronounced differences between whites and blacks do not exist. Age for age, black youth are less likely than white youth to be enrolled in school. The difference becomes more pronounced as age increases. Among those enrolled, whites tend to be slightly more advanced relative to their age than blacks. They are considerably more likely than blacks to be enrolled in college preparatory courses in high school. Black youth tend to have lower labor force participation rates than white and higher unemployment rates. Of those out of school, the educational attainment of blacks is lower than that of whites. Blacks are more likely than whites to be found in the lower occupational categories. This difference prevails both in the case of students and nonstudents and is much greater than can be accounted for on the basis of differences in number of years of school completed.

Finally, the 40 percent higher hourly rates of pay earned by whites between the ages of 20 and 24, as compared with blacks of the same age, appear to be only in very small part attributable to differences in their major occupation category and/or differences in the number of years of school completed.

There are less tangible differences, also, between white and black youth. The latter are much less likely than the former to manifest a high degree of satisfaction with their current jobs. This tends to be true irrespective of type of occupation (white-collar or blue-collar) and irrespective of level of educational achievement. Black youth also appear to be less highly attached to their current jobs than their white counterparts. Finally, black youth have considerably less extensive labor market information than white youth, whether the measure is based upon knowledge about occupations or knowledge about relevant employers in the area. This difference, incidentally, is very pronounced and persists even when age, number of years of school completed, and measures of socioeconomic status are controlled.

As is well understood, many of the differences between black and white youth are a product of the difference in their cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. Black youth are more likely than white to have farm backgrounds and are much more likely than white to come from "broken" homes. In terms of family income, occupation and education of parents, or any other measure of socioeconomic status, blacks fall far below whites. Controlling for factors of this kind, as well as we are able to with our data, generally reduces the differences between blacks and whites, but does not eliminate them entirely.

Despite the substantial inter-color differences in most aspects of labor market status and experience, there is surprisingly little difference between black and white high school students with respect to their educational or occupational goals. It is interesting to speculate whether the near equality in occupational goals of the two color groups is a phenomenon of long standing or whether it is an indication of rising aspirations of blacks occasioned by the recent increased emphasis upon civil rights legislation and equality of opportunity.² In either case, the facts are both sad and dangerous; the substantial disparity between the aspirations of the blacks and what realistically can be expected to be achieved, even on the most optimistic assumptions, creates the basis for large scale disappointment, disenchantment, frustration, and perhaps outrage.

2 Cf. Meyer Weinberg, Desegregation Research: An Appraisal (Bloomington: Phi Delta Kappa Commission on Education, Human Rights, and Responsibilities, 1968), pp. 65-66.

As has been implied earlier, many of the dependent variables that been studied are strongly correlated with age. For example, among students and nonstudents alike, labor force participation is directly related to age, although the relationship is distorted in the case of students by the effect of educational level, since college youth are likely to be in the labor force than high school youth. Unemployment increases precipitously with increasing age from 13 percent of the 16-17 year olds to 1.6 percent of the 22-24 year olds. A good deal of this difference, of course, reflects the influence of school enrollment status and educational attainment on the unemployment rate. Nevertheless, within the student and nonstudent groups there is a pronounced relationship between age and unemployment rate. Students in their teens have rates in excess of 10 percent; those in their twenties, below 5 percent. Among those not enrolled, the teenage rate is over 5 percent, but the rate is below 2 percent for those in their twenties. An important effort in the longitudinal analysis will be to search for the additional factors that convert unemployment-prone teenagers into rather regularly employed young adults in their twenties.

Among employed youth, there are age differences in the kinds of jobs held, the number of hours per week worked, and the methods used in finding work. Because of the close relationship between age and number of years of schooling among both students and those not enrolled in school, it is possible to be certain in many cases about how much this relationship reflects age reflects the greater maturity and experience of older youth and how much it reflects their greater educational achievement. Nevertheless, it is clear that, among both students and nonstudents, youth in their twenties are much more likely than those in their teens to be in white-collar employment, and especially in professional and technical work. On the other hand, the younger group is much more likely to be employed as unskilled and nonfarm laborers than the older. Also, irrespective of school enrollment status, youth in their twenties are considerably more likely than those in their teens to work full time (35 or more hours per week). Finally, in this case, a positive relationship between age and number of hours worked is regular and continuous even within the teenage group and the group 20-24 years of age. With respect to methods of job-finding, teenagers are more likely than youth in their twenties to rely on friends and relatives, and are slightly less likely to rely on such formal methods as private or public employment agencies.

The amount of occupational information that young men have is directly related to their age. In this case, there is reasonably good evidence that the influence of age is independent of educational attainment. High school graduates, for example, appear to increase their knowledge about occupations as the result of additional years of life and exposure to the labor market.

Even within the relatively narrow age limits of 14 to 17, age makes a fairly clear difference in the educational and occupational aspirations of young men. The proportion of youngsters undecided about what they would like to be doing at age 30 decreases substantially between the freshman and senior years of high school. As for educational aspirations, the proportions of those in school who hope to enter college are not much different as between the 14-15 and the 16-17 year old youth. However, because of the effect of high school dropouts, when one considers the entire age cohort, the proportion hoping to enter college is substantially less for the 16-17 year olds than it is for the 14-15 year olds. One of the important aspects of the longitudinal study will be to attempt to ascertain the causes of the changes in aspirations between the early and the late teens.

Education and Training

It is hardly surprising that the number of school years completed has a very substantial effect upon many aspects of the youth's labor market experience. Indeed, as has been seen, much of the influence that has been attributed to age is doubtless a reflection of educational attainment. Young men with some college training are much more likely to be professional and technical workers than are those without such education, and college-trained youth are clearly a larger proportion of the older than of the younger age groups. Education has a profound effect upon knowledge of the labor market. There is a consistent and regular increase in the proportion of youth scoring high on our occupational information test as number of years of school completed increases. Even within major occupation categories, there is a strong association between educational attainment and rate of pay. For example, among white youth between the ages of 20-24 who are employed as operatives and as craftsmen, the differential in hourly rate of pay between those with high school diplomas and those without is slightly in excess of 10 percent, and in the case of black youth the differential is substantially larger.

Young men with vocational training outside of regular school tend to have greater knowledge of the world of work than those who have not, and they also enjoy a pay differential over those without training. Because there is a correlation between training outside of regular school and number of years of regular school completed, we cannot be certain to what extent these relationships reflect an independent influence of training and to what extent they simply reflect the influence of education that has already been examined.

Socioeconomic Status

The educational and labor market experiences of a youth are determined to a striking degree by the socioeconomic status of his family. Whether one looks at current enrollment ratios, at knowledge of the world of work, or at aspirations, the influence of family background is profound. This already has been emphasized in our discussion of the differences between

and white youth, but it is no less important an influence within of the color groups. There is sometimes a tendency to overlook the that, whereas blacks have larger proportions in the lower socioeconomic categories, there are far more whites in these lower levels than are blacks. Consider just one of our measures and its relationship enrollment rates of young men 16-24 years of age. In response to question whether the family, when the youth was 14 years of age, had a library card and regularly received newspapers and magazines, about two percent of the total age cohort (16-24) admitted lacking at least two of the three forms of reading materials. Of this total, approximately 1.1 million were white youth and 0.6 million black. The current school enrollment ratios for these culturally deprived young men are 23 percent for the whites and 32 percent for the blacks, compared to overall ratios for the total age cohort of 51 percent for the whites and 39 percent for the blacks. Thus, the relative disadvantage represented by this measure is apparently more severe for the whites than it is for the blacks.

The widespread deficiencies in the cultural background of youth indicated by this measure suggest the necessity for remedial programs in schools. And, given the profound disparities that prevail in the quality of home life, equal opportunity for youth of different socioeconomic status can be approached only if there are compensatory inequalities in educational investments. In other words, it is not sufficient that educational programs for youth in deprived neighborhoods become as good as those enjoyed by middle class youth; if they are to compensate for the cultural handicaps of their students, they clearly will require larger expenditures per pupil than those that prevail in schools for middle class youth.

Moreover, there is evidence in other studies that special educational programs for culturally deprived youngsters must begin, as Headstart does, long before the youth arrive in high school. 3

SOME INTER-GENERATIONAL COMPARISONS

There are interesting similarities and contrasts between the young men under consideration here and men in their forties and fifties on whom we have reported earlier.⁴ Labor force participation rates, of course, are drastically lower for young men 14 to 24 years of age than for men 45 to 59 because of the sizeable group of full-time students in the youth. However, when only out-of-school youth are examined, men's labor force rates are nearly two percentage points higher than those of older men (95.6 vs. 93.8). Whites in both age groups have higher participation rates than blacks, but the inter-color difference is smaller among youth.

Project TALENT, Cognitive Growth During High School (Palo Alto, California: American Institute for Research, April, 1967), Bulletin No. 6.

Parnes, et al., op. cit.

Among both age cohorts, married men are more likely to be in the labor force than those not married. Age variation, of course, has opposite effects within the two cohorts: labor force participation rates vary directly with age for the youth, but inversely with age for the older group of men. While education increases labor force participation among older men, it has no consistent effect for youth.

Young men 14-24 years old have drastically higher unemployment rates than men in their late forties and fifties. The rate for the young men not enrolled in school is 2.5 times the unemployment rate of older men, and the color differential is about the same for both groups: the unemployment rate for blacks is over three-fourths greater than for whites in both age cohorts. Among both the youth and the older men, low unemployment is associated with being married, with high educational attainment, and with having had some vocational training.

There are dramatic differences between the two age cohorts in two factors that have strong influences on labor market experience: health and educational attainment. The young men are far less likely than the older group to report a health problem or a physical condition that limits the amount or kind of work they can do: about a seventh of the youth compared with over a fourth of the older cohort. Although the educational attainment of the entire youth cohort will continue to increase as those now enrolled in school and college complete their studies, even the group that has already left school has substantially higher educational achievements than older men. Among out-of-school youth, only one-eighth of the whites and less than one-fourth of the blacks have had no high school, while the proportions are more than a third of the older white and two-thirds of the older black men. Two-thirds of the out-of-school white youth and more than two-fifths of the black have completed high school compared to only two-fifths of the older white men and one-sixth of the black. On the other hand, there is very little difference in the extent to which the two age groups have participated in training programs outside of regular school. Among youth not enrolled in school, nearly half of the whites and a fourth of blacks have had such training. Despite the much greater potential for training among the older men, the proportions are only slightly larger for them than for the youth.

Young men's hourly rates of pay are substantially lower than those of older men: mean rates are \$2.48 for out-of-school youth 20-24 years of age and \$3.39 for men 45-59. But the influence of age on rates of pay is vastly greater for whites than for blacks: older white men have mean rates of pay more than a third higher than white youth, but black men 45-59 have pay rates only a fifth more than those of 20-24 year olds. Thus the inter-color differential in average hourly compensation increases from 41 percent in the case of the youth to 58 percent in the case of the older men. This is dramatic evidence that blacks in the older cohort have a relative disadvantage far greater than that of youth.

Young men who are not enrolled in school have a substantially different occupational distribution from the older men. The latter are half again as likely as the former to be in white-collar jobs (36 percent versus 24 percent and four times as likely to be managers and proprietors. Blue-collar work

counts for nearly two-thirds of out-of-school youth, but for less than half of the older men. But there is far less difference between the two groups of black men than between the older and younger white men. For example, the proportions of blacks in white-collar employment are 11 percent for the youth and only 14 percent for men in their forties and fifties. This set of data could mean that inter-color differences in occupational opportunities have become less pronounced over time. This interpretation, however, is inconsistent with data comparing the first jobs of the older cohort with the current jobs held by the younger cohort. Except for differences associated with the substantial decline in the importance of agriculture between the two generations, the difference in occupational pattern between blacks and whites at the beginning of their careers now is not much less substantial than it was a generation ago.⁴ Rather, the evidence suggests that the relative disadvantage of blacks, as compared to whites, becomes greater as an age cohort matures. This is consistent with the evidence in our study of the older males, which showed greater differences between blacks and whites in their current occupational distribution than in that which prevailed at the beginning of their careers.

4 The following table compares the occupational distribution of the first job after leaving school for the 45-59 year old group and the current job of out-of-school youth 14-24 years of age.

| Major occupation group | First job after leaving school: men 45-59 years of age with work experience | | Current job: employed males 14-24 years of age not enrolled in school | |
|----------------------------------|--|--------|--|--------|
| | WHITES | BLACKS | WHITES | BLACKS |
| White collar | 27 | 8 | 26 | 11 |
| Professional and technical | 8 | 3 | 9 | 3 |
| Nonfarm managers and proprietors | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Clerical | 10 | 2 | 9 | 7 |
| Sales | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Blue collar | 46 | 43 | 63 | 65 |
| Craftsmen and foremen | 8 | 4 | 22 | 12 |
| Operatives | 25 | 20 | 32 | 34 |
| Nonfarm laborers | 13 | 18 | 9 | 19 |
| Service | 4 | 11 | 5 | 13 |
| Farmers and farm laborers | 23 | 37 | 5 | 10 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 13,608 | 1,400 | 5,024 | 852 |

Over 90 percent of employed young men have positive attitudes toward their jobs, a figure only slightly less than the proportion for men aged 45-59. A high degree of job satisfaction, however, is clearly less common for youth than for older men. Among out-of-school youth 16-24 years of age, half the whites and over one-third of the blacks like their jobs very much, but this is true for nearly three-fifths of the older whites and half the older blacks. When occupation is controlled, these color differences in job satisfaction persist among young men but disappear among the older men.

The younger men are much less strongly attached to their present job than the older men, at least as judged by their responses to hypothetical job offers. Only a seventh of employed youth 16-24 years old would refuse to change jobs in the local area at any wage rate, while this is true of two-fifths of the older men. Young men also are more willing than those in the older age cohort to make a geographic job change. In all cases blacks register lower attachment than whites.

In talking about things they particularly like about their jobs, a majority of youth (nearly three-fifths) allude to intrinsic aspects of the work. Nevertheless, this is a somewhat smaller proportion than prevails among the older age cohort (two-thirds). Moreover, there is much less difference in this respect between blacks and whites and among types of occupations in the case of the youth than in the case of the older age cohort. Among the latter, white men are more likely to focus on intrinsic job characteristics than black men, and the same is true of white-collar workers as compared with blue-collar workers.

III A FORWARD LOOK

At numerous points in the previous chapters we have referred to interesting questions for longitudinal analysis which we expect to pursue when the data from follow-up surveys become available. It seems fitting in concluding the volume to present a somewhat more systematic, though not necessarily exhaustive, preview of the kinds of analyses we propose to make and the major types of hypotheses we intend to test.

To begin with, collection of detailed work histories over a five-year period will permit us to test over a longer period of time some of the relationships reported here on the basis of data for one year. An advantage in doing so is that we would expect greater variation in some of the variables over the longer time period. For instance, a larger fraction of the out-of-school young men who are now 20-24 years of age will doubtless experience unemployment and periods of withdrawal from the labor force over a five-year than during a one-year period. This will increase the statistical reliability of our analysis of, say, the effect of unemployment on work attitudes, since the numerical base for our percentage distributions of those with some unemployment will be larger.

Second, in each annual survey we expect both to describe and to analyze changes in school enrollment status and in various aspects of labor market status. Merely quantifying the extent of gross movement into and out of the formal educational system, among different schools, into and out of employment, and among different kinds of jobs will be instructive in itself, since there is very little knowledge about the magnitude of these types of change. Of greater interest, however, will be the exploration of the "causes" and "consequences" of such changes. For example, in what respects do youth who leave school during the course of the year differ from those in the same year of school who continue? What are the relative influences of attitude toward school, economic factors, I.Q. score, and characteristics of the school? As another example, among young men whose formal education has ended, what are the factors that differentiate those who change jobs from those who do not? Are men who have expressed dissatisfaction with their jobs in the initial survey more likely to have left them than those who were satisfied? Are job changers more likely or less likely than nonchangers to feel an increased satisfaction in their work? Are they more or less likely to have improved their earnings? These are only illustrative of the kinds of questions to be asked. Our plan of analysis calls for ascertaining the correlates of most of the dimensions of labor mobility: movement into and out of the labor force, from unemployment to employment and vice versa, between occupations (with or without an accompanying change of employer), between employers (with or without an accompanying change of occupation), and between different labor market areas.

A closely related objective of the follow-up surveys will be to test the predictive value of some of our psychological measures. For example, to what extent does our measure of "attachment" to an employer discriminate between those who change jobs during the period of the study and those who do not? Is a given propensity to move more likely to result in job changes in "tight" labor market areas than in "loose" labor market areas, as our model would predict? To take another example, are those who score high on the occupational information test, other things being equal, more likely than those with lower scores to experience less unemployment and to enjoy upward mobility during the course of the study?

Fourth, we shall be particularly interested in the development of occupational goals over time. What proportion of young teenagers adhere steadfastly to a given goal and appear to be making progress toward it? What characteristics distinguish these youngsters from those who shift about? What are the relative influences of economic factors and of educational experiences in modifying career choices? When youngsters change their minds about the occupation they wish to pursue, are there systematic relationships between their original and their new goals?

Several important variables that were not on hand for the present report will be available for use in subsequent ones. Among the most important of these are the I.Q. score and the academic record of the respondents and several characteristics of the high school they attended.

These data will permit, among other things, a more refined measure of the effect of education on income than has hitherto been possible with national samples. In assessing the influence of years of school completed on earnings, we hope to be able to control for variations in intelligence and variations in the quality of education as well as for such factors as socioeconomic status of family and attitudinal characteristics.

Finally, we shall also be interested in evaluating the effects of certain environmental changes upon the educational and labor market experiences of the age group of youth under consideration. What will be possible along these lines will clearly depend on how much and what kinds of change occur in the environment over the five-year period. The effects of fluctuations in the level of economic activity on the volume and pattern of mobility may be examined. Should there be innovations in manpower policy, it may be possible to test the effects of these upon the age group under consideration. For example, one might inquire whether changes in coverage or the minimum wage level under the Fair Labor Standards Act have any perceptible effect on the employment experience of those occupational and industrial categories of youth whose wages are most likely to have been affected. Another interesting question, in view of the rather dramatic changes in the climate of race relations in the United States, is whether this is reflected in any way in the status or attitudes of the black youth in our sample.

By the end of the five years of study there will have been collected for this age group of men a larger body of data on educational and work experience and on attitudes relating to school and work than has ever been accumulated for a national sample. At the same time, equally voluminous records will have been collected for the same age group of young women, for women between the ages of 30 and 44, and for the men 45-59 years of age, to whom reference already has been made. There are almost limitless opportunities for analysis within and among these studies. Our hope is that such analysis will yield new insights into labor market processes and problems which will improve our understanding of labor markets and thereby provide a basis for improved private and public manpower policies.

APPENDIXES

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GLOSSARY

Age of respondent as of last birthday prior to April 1, 1966.

MENT TO CURRENT JOB

Relative increase in rate of pay for which an employed respondent would be willing to accept a hypothetical offer of employment with a different employer.

OF WORKER

Wage and Salary Worker

A person working for a rate of pay per unit-time, commission, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates for a private employer or any government unit.

Self-employed Worker

A person working in his own unincorporated business, profession, or trade, or operating a farm for profit or fees.

Unpaid Family Worker

A person working without pay on a farm or in a business operated by a member of the household to whom he is related by blood or marriage.

The term "black" refers to all those who are not Caucasian and is used in lieu of the more conventional "nonwhite." For further detail see Chapter 1, footnote 1.

TIONAL ASPIRATIONS

Total number of years of regular school that the respondent would like to achieve.

TIONAL ATTAINMENT: See HIGHEST YEAR OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

TIONAL EXPECTATIONS

Total number of years of regular school that the respondent feels he will actually achieve.

ED: See LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

IRE TO READING MATERIALS AT AGE 14

Whether or not the respondent's family, when he was 14 years old, had a library card and received newspapers and/or magazines in the home.

EXTRINSIC JOB FACTORS

Aspects of the job environment such as wages, hours, security, and supervision, which have no direct relation to the inherent nature of the work.

FAMILY INCOME

Income from all sources (including wages and salaries, net income from business or farm, pensions, dividends, interest, rent, royalties, social insurance, and public assistance) received by any family member living in the household. Income of nonrelatives living in the household is not included.

HEALTH, EFFECT ON ACTIVITY

Respondent's assessment of whether his physical or mental condition (1) limits his work activity; (2) limits other activity; or (3) for those enrolled in school, limits his school activity. If the answer to any of these questions is yes, the nature of the limitation is ascertained.

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Orientation and goal of high school courses, usually related to future educational or occupational plans. Examples used are college preparatory, vocational, commercial, or general.

HIGHEST YEAR OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

The highest grade finished by the respondent in "regular" school, where years of school completed are denoted 9-11, 12, 13-15, etc.

HOURLY RATE OF PAY

Compensation--in dollars--for work performed. This is limited to wage and salary workers because it is virtually impossible to ascertain to what extent the earnings of the self-employed are wages as opposed to other kinds of returns. If a time unit other than an hour was reported, hourly rates were computed by first converting the reported figure into a weekly rate and then dividing by the number of hours usually worked per week.

HOURS WORKED DURING SURVEY WEEK

The total number of hours worked at all jobs held by the respondent during the calendar week preceding the date of interview.

INCOME OF RESPONDENT

Income from all sources (including wages and salaries, net income from business or farm, pensions, dividends, interest, rent, royalties, social insurance, and public assistance) received only by the respondent.

The 10 one-digit-level classes of the Bureau of the Census' functional classification of employers on the basis of nature of final product.

3IC JOB FACTORS

Aspects of the job which are inherent in the nature of the occupation or relate to job content.

A continuous period of service with a given employer.

Current or Last Job

For those respondents who were employed during the survey week: the job held during the survey week. For those respondents who were either unemployed or out of the labor force: the most recent job.

First Job

The respondent's initial job of at least one month's duration after permanently leaving school.

AGE OF THE WORLD OF WORK: See OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION TEST

FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

In the Labor Force

All respondents who were either employed or unemployed during the survey week:

Employed

All respondents who during the survey week were either (1) "at work"--those who did any work for pay or profit or worked without pay for 15 hours or more on a family farm or business; or (2) "with a job but not at work"--those who did not work and were not looking for work, but had a job or business from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, industrial dispute, bad weather, or because they were taking time off for various other reasons.

Unemployed

All respondents who did not work at all during the survey week and had either looked or were looking for a job in the four-week period prior to the survey, all respondents who did not work at all during the survey week and were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they were laid-off, and all respondents who did not work at all during the survey week and were waiting to report to a new job within 30 days.

Out of the Labor Force

All respondents who were neither employed nor unemployed during the survey week.

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LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

The proportion of the total population or of a demographic subgroup of the population classified as "in the labor force."

LENGTH OF SERVICE IN CURRENT (LAST) JOB

The total number of years spent by the respondent in his current (most recent) job.

MARITAL STATUS

Respondents were classified into the following categories: married, spouse present; married, spouse absent; divorced; widowed; separated; and never married. "Separated" includes all respondents who answered that they are separated to the marital status question.

NATIONALITY

Classification is on the basis of "national origin" of respondent, his parents, or grandparents as follows: if all were born in the United States, the respondent is classified as "American." Otherwise, respondent is assigned the nationality of the first of the following born outside the U.S.: (1) respondent, (2) father, (3) mother, (4) paternal grandfather, (5) paternal grandmother, (6) maternal grandfather, and (7) maternal grandmother.

NONSTUDENT

All respondents not enrolled in regular school at the time of the survey.

OCCUPATION

The ten occupation groups are the ten one-digit classes used by the Bureau of the Census in the 1960 Census. The four types of occupation are white collar (professional and technical workers; managers, officials, and proprietors; clerical workers; and sales workers), blue collar (craftsmen and foreman, operatives and nonfarm laborers), service, and farm (farmers, farm managers, and farm laborers).

OF THE LABOR FORCE: See LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

(PRIMARY SAMPLING UNIT)

One of the 235 areas of the country from which the sample for this study was drawn; usually an SMSA (standard metropolitan statistical area) or a county.

TION TO HYPOTHETICAL JOB OFFER: See ATTACHMENT TO CURRENT JOB

LAR SCHOOL

"Regular" schools include graded public, private, and parochial elementary and high schools; colleges; universities; and professional schools.

DENCE IN COUNTY OR SMSA, LENGTH OF

The length of time--in years--the respondent has lived in county or SMSA of present residence.

DENCE AT AGE 14

Degree of urbanization of area in which respondent lived when he was 14 years old. These areas are defined as rural farm, rural nonfarm, town, suburb of city, city (25,000-100,000), and city (100,000 or more).

SFACTION WITH JOB, DEGREE OF

Respondent's report of his feelings toward his job when confronted with the following four alternatives: "like it very much, like it fairly well, dislike it somewhat, dislike it very much."

OL ENROLLMENT STATUS

An indication of whether or not the respondent is presently enrolled in regular school.

'-EMPLOYED: See LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

L OF UNEMPLOYMENT

A continuous period of at least one week's duration during which the respondent was unemployed. A spell may be terminated either by employment or by withdrawal from the labor force.

RY WEEK

For convenience, the term "survey week" is used to denote the calendar week preceding the date of interview. In the conventional parlance of the Bureau of the Census, it means the "reference week."

RE: See LENGTH OF SERVICE IN CURRENT (LAST) JOB

MPLOYED: See LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

UNEMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE IN PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS

Cumulative number of weeks in the previous 12 months that the respondent reported he was looking for work or on lay-off from a job.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The proportion of the labor force classified as unemployed.

UNPAID FAMILY WORKER: See CLASS OF WORKER

VETERAN STATUS

Whether the respondent served in any branch of the armed forces prior to the time of the survey.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Program(s) taken outside the regular school system for other than social or recreational purposes. Sponsoring agents include government, unions, and business enterprises. A training course sponsored by a company must last at least six weeks to be considered a "program."

WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS: See CLASS OF WORKER

WAGE RATE: See HOURLY RATE OF PAY

WEEKS IN THE LABOR FORCE IN PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS

Cumulative number of weeks in previous 12 months that the respondent reported that he either worked, looked for work, or was on lay-off from a job.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Any full- or part-time employment experienced by the respondent any time during his life.

WORK MOTIVATION

Respondent's answer to "what would you say is more important to you in deciding what kind of work you would like to go into, good wages or liking the work?"

SAMPLING, INTERVIEWING, AND ESTIMATING PROCEDURES

The Survey of Work Experience of Men 14-24 Years of Age is one of a longitudinal surveys sponsored by the Manpower Administration of U. S. Department of Labor. Taken together these surveys constitute National Longitudinal Surveys.

Sample Design

The National Longitudinal Surveys are based on a multi-stage probability sample located in 235 sample areas comprising 485 counties and independent cities representing every state and the District of Columbia. 235 sample areas were selected by grouping all of the nation's counties and independent cities into about 1,900 primary sampling units (PSU's) further forming 235 strata of one or more PSU's that are relatively homogeneous according to socioeconomic characteristics. Within each of the strata a single PSU was selected to represent the stratum. Within each PSU a probability sample of housing units was selected to represent the civilian noninstitutional population.

Since one of the survey requirements was to provide separate reliable statistics for nonwhites, households in predominantly nonwhite enumeration districts (ED's) were selected at a rate three times that for households predominantly white ED's. The sample was designed to provide approximately 5,000 interviews for each of the four surveys--about 1,500 nonwhites and 3,500 whites. When this requirement was examined in light of the selected number of persons in each age-sex-color group it was found that approximately 42,000 households would be required in order to find the requisite number of nonwhites in each age-sex group.

An initial sample of about 42,000 housing units was selected and a screening interview took place in March, and April, 1966. Of this number about 7,500 units were found to be vacant, occupied by persons whose usual residence was elsewhere, changed from residential use, or demolished. On the other hand, about 900 additional units were found which had been created within existing living space or had been changed from what was

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previously nonresidential space. Thus 35,360 housing units were available for interview; of these, usable information was collected for 34,662 households, a completion rate of 98.0 percent.

The original plan called for using this initial screening to select the sample for all sample groups. On reflection it was decided to rescreen the sample in the fall of 1966 prior to the first interview of males 14-24. Males in the upper part of that age group are the most mobile group in the entire population and a seven-month delay between the initial screening and the first interview seemed to invite problems.

To increase efficiency, it was decided to stratify the sample for the rescreening by the presence or absence of a 14 to 24 year old male in the household. The probability is great that a household which contained a 14 to 24 year old in March will also have one in September. However, we had to insure that the sample also represented persons who had moved into sample households in the intervening period, so that a sample of addresses which had no 14 to 24 year old males was also included in the screening operation.

This phase of the screening began in early September, 1966. Since a telephone number had been recorded for most households at the time of the initial interview, every attempt was made to complete the short screening interview by telephone.

Following this screening operation, 5,713 males age 14-24 were designated to be interviewed for the Survey of Work Experience. These were sampled differentially within four strata: whites in white ED's (i.e., ED's which contained predominantly white households), nonwhites in white ED's, whites in nonwhite ED's, and nonwhites in nonwhite ED's.

The Field Work

Three hundred twenty-eight interviewers were assigned to this survey. The primary requirement for interviewers was previous experience with the Current Population Survey (CPS).

A two-stage training program was used to provide specific instruction for this survey. First, two supervisors from each of the Bureau's 12 regional offices were trained in Washington; they in turn trained the interviewers and office clerks assigned to the survey in their regions. Each trainee was provided with a "verbatim" training guide prepared by the Bureau staff and reviewed by the Manpower Administration and the Center for Human Resource Research of The Ohio State University. The guide included not only lecture material, but a number of structured practice interviews to thoroughly familiarize the interviewers with the questionnaire. In addition to the classroom training, each interviewer was required to complete at least one live interview prior to beginning her assignment. Each of the regional supervisors was observed during at least one training session by professional members of the participating

nizations. Each interviewer was observed during the early part of assignment. This observation served the dual function of familiarizing professional staff of the Census Bureau and of the Center for Human Resource Research with the actual field situation and of providing an opportunity for on-the-job training of the interviewer.

In addition to training, a field edit was instituted to insure adequate quality. This consisted of a "full edit" of the first five questionnaires returned by each interviewer, and a partial edit of the remaining questionnaires from each interviewer's assignment. The full edit consisted of reviewing the questionnaires from beginning to end, to determine if the entries were complete and consistent and whether skip instructions were being followed. This edit was designed to determine if the interviewer understood her job. The interviewer was contacted by phone concerning minor problems, and depending on the nature of the problem, was either merely told of her error or asked to contact the respondent for further information or for clarification. For more serious problems the interviewer was retrained either totally in part, and the questionnaire was returned for completion.

If problems arose, the complete edit was continued until the supervisor was satisfied that the interviewer was doing a complete and consistent job. The partial edit simply checked to determine that the interviewer had not inadvertently skipped any part of the questionnaire which should have been filled. Any questionnaire which failed the partial edit was returned to the interviewer for completion.

The training of interviewers began on October 24, 1966, and the interviewing immediately after. The interviewing continued until November, 1966. This is longer than the period permitted for the usual census survey. However, a number of factors were responsible for the increased time. First, the questionnaire required approximately 45 minutes an hour to complete. This interview time, coupled with the limited hours during the day when men in this age group are available, resulted in an average completion rate of just under two per day, during even the early stages of the interviewing. This average rate was reduced later as the more accessible cases were completed. The requirement that the interviewers be experienced in the CPS also caused some delay. For about a week each month the interviewers were not able to work on this survey because of the conflicting demands of the CPS. Finally, extra time was allowed to reduce the number of noninterviews resulting from persons who were temporarily absent from their homes or were otherwise temporarily unavailable for interview.

Of the 5,713 males 14 to 24 selected for the sample, usable questionnaires were obtained from 5,030 cases for a completion rate of 91.7 percent. The 479 noninterview cases are distributed in the following table.

Reasons for Noninterviews in
Survey of Work Experience of Males 14-24

| Totals | Total | Refused | No one home-- repeated visits | Moved or left house-- could not locate | Temporarily absent | Other |
|------------------------------|-------|---------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|-------|
| Number of noninterviews | 479 | 120 | 33 | 171 | 32 | 123 |
| Percent of work-load | 8.3 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 2.1 |
| Percent of all noninterviews | 100.0 | 25.0 | 6.7 | 35.7 | 6.7 | 25.9 |

Estimating Methods

The estimation procedure adopted for this survey was a multi-stage ratio estimate. The first step was the assignment to each sample case of a basic weight which was equal to the reciprocal of the sampling fraction of the stratum from which it was selected. Thus, for the Survey of Work Experience of Males 14-24 there were four different base weights reflecting differential sampling by color within stratum (i.e., white ED's versus nonwhite ED's).

1. Noninterview Adjustment

The weights for all interviewed persons were adjusted to the extent needed to account for persons for whom no information was obtained because of absence, refusal, or unavailability for other reasons. This adjustment was made separately for each of sixteen groupings: Census region of residence (Northeast, North Central, South, West), place of residence (urban, rural), and color (white, nonwhite).

2. Ratio Estimates

The distribution of the population selected for the sample may differ somewhat, by chance, from that of the nation as a whole, in such characteristics as age, color, sex, and residence. Since these population characteristics are closely correlated with the principal measurements made from the sample, the latter estimates can be substantially improved when weighted appropriately by the known distribution of these population characteristics. This was accomplished through the following two stages of ratio estimation.

a. First-Stage Ratio Estimation

This is a procedure in which the sample proportions were weighted by the known 1960 Census data on the color-residence distribution of the population. This step took into account the differences existing at the time of the 1960 Census between the color-residence distribution for the nation and for the sample areas.

b. Second-Stage Ratio Estimation

In this step, the sample proportions were weighted by independent current estimates of the population by age and color. These estimates were prepared by carrying forward the most recent Census data (1960) to take account of subsequent aging of the population, mortality, and migration between the United States and other countries. The adjustment was made by color within four age groupings: 14-15, 16-18, 19-21, 22-24.

After this step, each sample person has a weight which remains unchanged throughout the five-year life of the survey. The universe of study was thus fixed at the time of interview for the first cycle. No reweighting of the sample is made after subsequent cycles since the group of interviewed persons is an unbiased sample of the population group (in this case, males age 14-24) in existence at the time of the first cycle only.

c. Editing

Most of the questionnaire required no coding, the data being punched directly from precoded boxes. However, the various job description questions of the Bureau's standard occupation and industry codes that are used with monthly CPS. Codes for the other "open end" questions were developed in consultation with Ohio State from tallies of usually ten percent subsamples of returns. A few of the questions required special handling. The ordinal questions were especially difficult to handle. A sizeable number of these were set aside and were ultimately coded by the professional staff of Ohio State and the Bureau.

The consistency edits for the questionnaire were completed on the computer. For the parts of the questionnaire which were similar to the CPS edited CPS edit was used. For all other sections separate consistency edits were performed.

One of the edits included an allocation routine which was dependent on missing or random information from outside sources, since such edited data could not be expected to be consistent with data from subsequent surveys. However, where the answer to a question was obvious from others in the questionnaire, the missing answer was entered on the computer. For example, if item 52 ("If for some reason you were permanently

to lose YOUR PRESENT JOB TOMORROW, what would you do?") was blank, but legitimate entries appeared in 53a, b, and c ("What kind of courses or training would you take?", "Where would you enroll for such schooling?", and "How would you finance this schooling?"), a "Return to school; get training" was inserted in 52. In this case, only if 52 was marked "Return to school," could 53a, b, and c be filled; therefore, the assumption was made that either the card punch operation failed to punch the item or the interviewer failed to mark it.

Further, some of the status codes which depend on the answers to a number of different items, were completed using only partial information. The most obvious example is the current employment status of the respondent. That is, whether he was employed, unemployed, or not in the labor force. This is determined by the answers to a number of related questions. However, if one or more of these questions is not completed but the majority are filled and consistent, the status is determined on the basis of the available responses. This gives rise to an artificially low count of "NA's" for certain items.

SAMPLING VARIATION

s in any survey based upon a sample, the data in this report are subject to sampling error, that is, variation attributable solely to the fact that they emerge from a sample rather than from a complete count of the population. Because the probabilities of a given individual's appearing in the sample are known, it is possible to estimate the sampling error, at least roughly. For example, it is possible to give a "confidence interval" for each absolute figure or percentage, that is, the range within which the true value of the figure is likely to fall. For this purpose, the standard error of the statistic is commonly used. One standard error on either side of a given statistic gives the range of values which has a two-thirds probability of containing the true value. This probability increases to about 95 percent if a range of two standard errors is used.

Standard Errors of Percentages

In the case of percentages, the size of the standard error depends not only on the magnitude of the percentage, but also on the size of the base on which the percentage is computed. Thus, the standard error of a percentage may be only 1 percentage point when the base is the total number of white men, but as much as 8 or 9 percentage points when the base is the total number of unemployed white men. Two tables of standard errors, one for whites and one for blacks, are shown below (Tables C-1 and C-2).

The method of ascertaining the appropriate standard error of a percentage may be illustrated by the following example. There are 14,046,000 white men in the age category 14 to 24. Our estimates indicate that 21 percent of these white men in our sample are married. Using the table for white men (C-1) with the base of 14,046,000 and a percentage of 21, one finds the standard error to be 0.9 percent. Thus, there are two out of three that a complete enumeration would have yielded a figure between 20.1 and 21.9 percent (21 ± 0.9) and 19 out of 20 that the figure would have been between 19.2 and 22.8 percent (21 ± 1.8).

Because the sample is not random, the conventional formula for standard error of a percentage cannot be used. The entries in the tables have been computed on the basis of a formula suggested by the Census statisticians. They should be interpreted as giving an indication of the order of magnitude of the standard error, rather than a precise standard error for any specific item.

Table C-1 Standard Errors of Estimated Percentages of Whites
(68 chances out of 100)

| Base of percentage (thousands) | Estimated percentage | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------|----------|----------|------|
| | 1 or 99 | 5 or 95 | 10 or 90 | 20 or 80 | 50 |
| 100 | 2.8 | 6.0 | 8.3 | 11.1 | 13.9 |
| 200 | 1.9 | 4.2 | 5.8 | 7.8 | 9.7 |
| 350 | 1.5 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 5.9 | 7.3 |
| 500 | 1.2 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 6.1 |
| 1,000 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 4.3 |
| 5,000 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| 14,046 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 |

Table C-2 Standard Errors of Estimated Percentages of Blacks
(68 chances out of 100)

| Base of percentage (thousands) | Estimated percentage | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------|----------|----------|------|
| | 1 or 99 | 5 or 95 | 10 or 90 | 20 or 80 | 50 |
| 25 | 3.3 | 7.3 | 10.0 | 13.3 | 16.7 |
| 50 | 2.3 | 5.1 | 7.1 | 9.4 | 11.8 |
| 100 | 1.6 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 6.6 | 8.3 |
| 200 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 5.8 |
| 750 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 3.0 |
| 1,400 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.2 |
| 2,041 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.8 |

ages are "real," or whether they result simply from sampling variation. For example, one finds on the basis of the survey that 3.3 percent of whites, as compared with 7 percent of the blacks, are unable to work, question arises whether this difference actually prevails in the relation or whether it might have been produced by sampling variation. Answer to this question, expressed in terms of probabilities, depends on the standard error of the difference between the two percentages, which, in turn, is related to their magnitudes as well as to the size of the base on which each. Although a precise answer to the question would require extended calculation, it is possible to construct charts that will indicate roughly, for different ranges of bases and different magnitudes of the percentages themselves, whether a given difference may be considered to be "significant," that is, sufficiently large that there is less than a 5 percent chance that it could have been produced by sampling variation alone. Such charts are given below.

The magnitude of the quotient produced by dividing the difference between any two percentages by the standard error of the difference determines whether that difference is significant. Since the standard error of the difference depends only on the size of the percentages and on their bases, for differences centered around a given percentage it is possible to derive a function which relates significant differences to the size of the bases of the percentages. If a difference around the given percentage is specified, the function then identifies those bases on which will produce a standard error small enough for the given difference to be significant. The graphs which follow show functions of this type; each curve identifies combinations of bases that will make a given difference around a given percentage significant. For all combinations of bases on or to the northeast of a given curve, the given difference is the maximum difference necessary for significance.

Thus, to determine whether the difference between two percentages is significant, first locate the appropriate graph by selecting the one labeled with the percentage closest to the midpoint between the two percentages in question. When this percentage is under 50, the base of the larger percentage should be read on the horizontal axis of the chart and the base of the smaller percentage on the vertical axis. When the midpoint between the two percentages is greater than 50, the two axes are to be reversed. (When the midpoint is exactly 50 percent, either axis may be used for either base.) The two coordinates identify a point on the chart. The relation between this point and the curves indicates the order of magnitude required for a difference between the two percentages to be statistically significant at the 5 percent confidence level.²

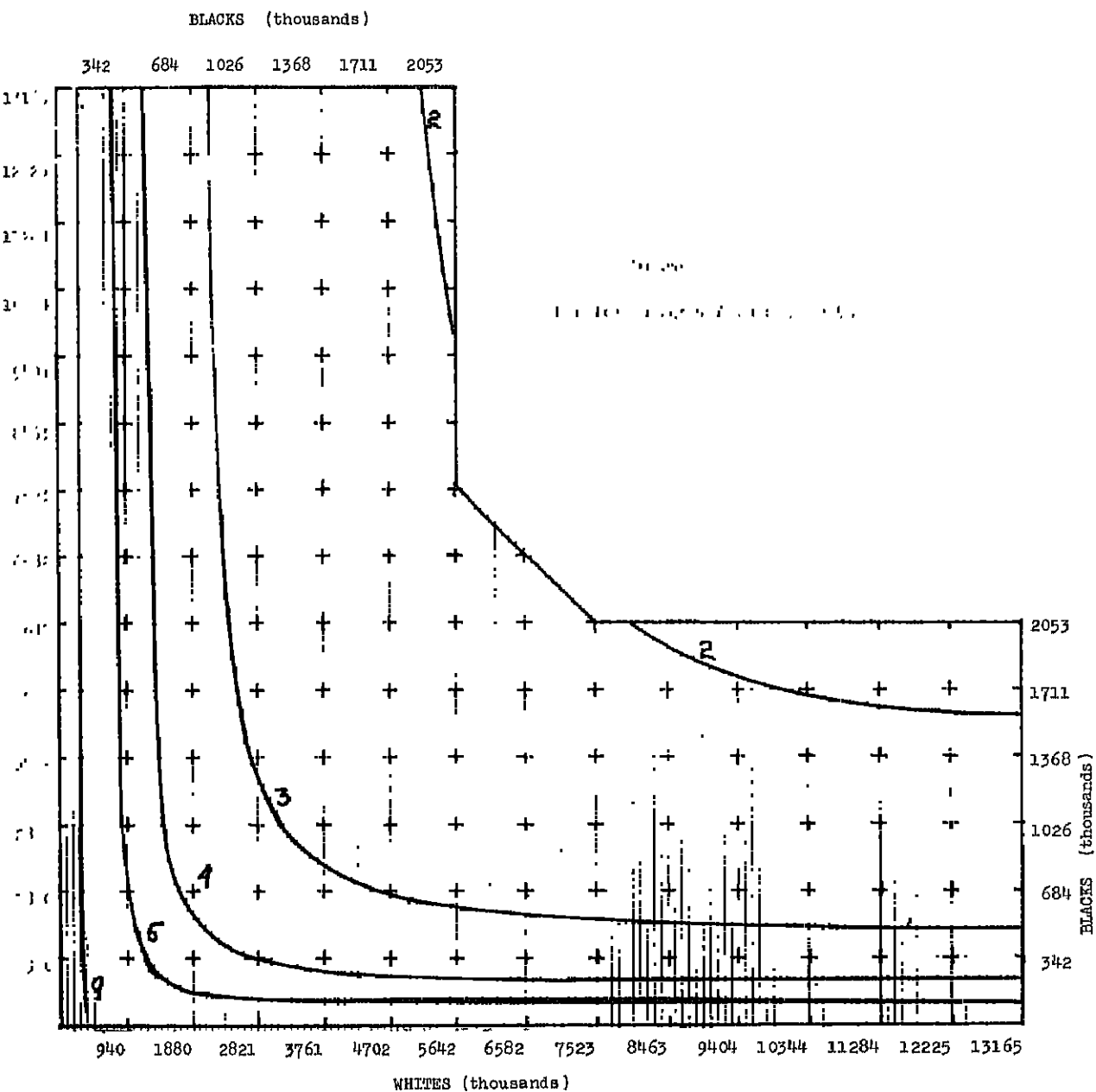
² The point made in footnote 1 is equally relevant here. The graphs should be interpreted as providing only a rough (and probably conservative) estimate of the difference required for significance.

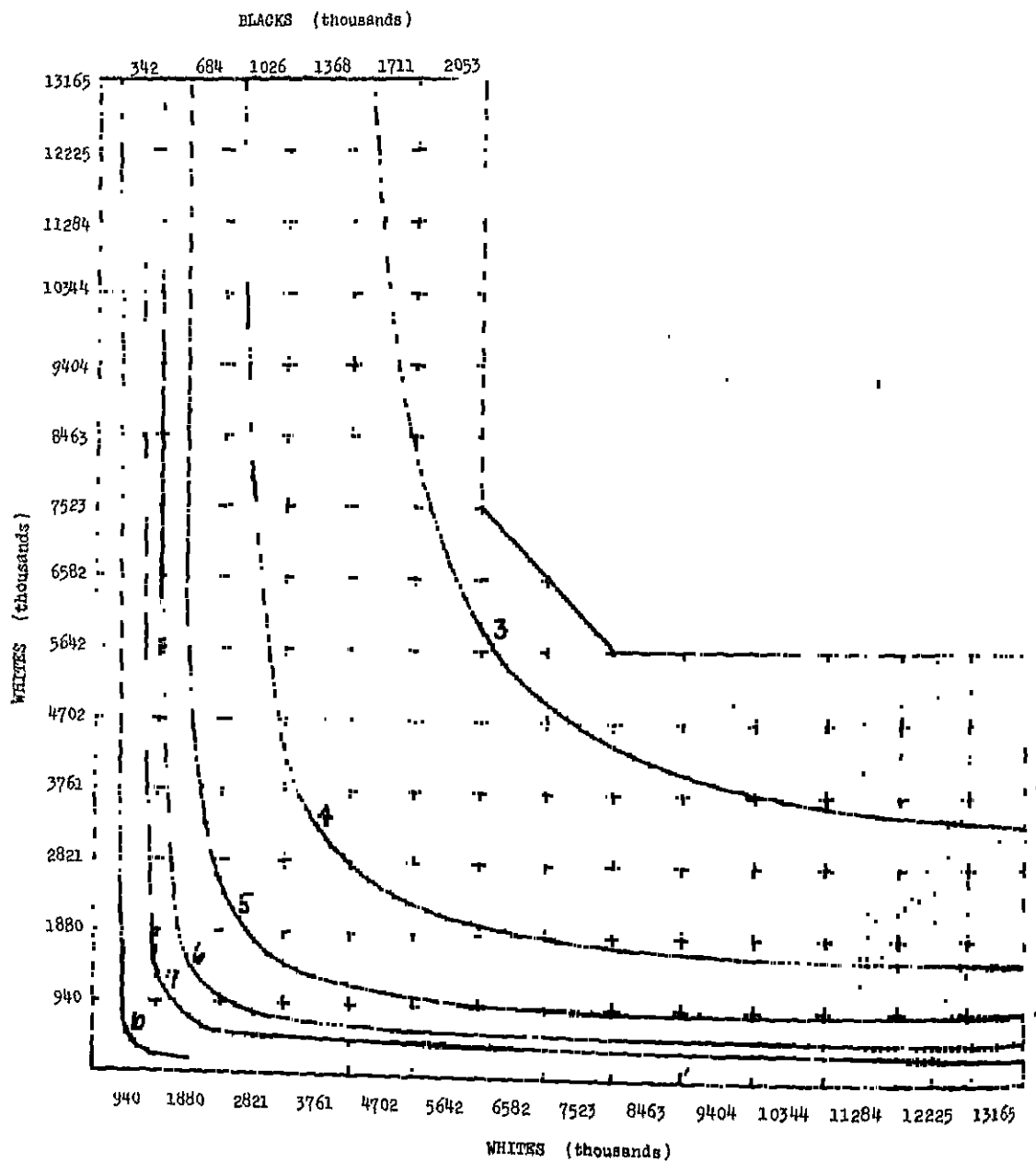
All this may be illustrated as follows. Suppose in the case of the whites the question is whether the difference between 27 percent (on a base of 6,000,000)³ and 33 percent (on a base of 5,000,000) is significant. Since the percentages center on 30 percent, Figure 4 should be used. Entering the vertical axis of this graph with 6,000,000 and the horizontal axis with 5,000,000 provides a coordinate which lies to the northeast of the curve showing combinations of bases for which a difference of 5 percent is significant. Thus the 6 percentage point difference (between 27 and 33 percent) is significant.

As an example of testing for the significance of a difference between the two color groups, consider the following. The data in our study show that for young men in the age cohort 22-24, 96 percent of the blacks (on a base of 406,000) and 92 percent of the whites (on a base of 3,045,000) are in the labor force. To determine whether this inter-color difference is statistically significant, Figure 1 is used because the midpoint (94 percent) between the two percentages is closer to 95 than 90.⁴ Entering this graph at 406,000 on the vertical axis for blacks (calibrated on the right hand side of the figure) and at 3,045,000 on the horizontal axis for whites provides a coordinate which lies to the northeast of the 4 percent curve. Thus, the 4 percentage point difference in labor force participation rate is significant.

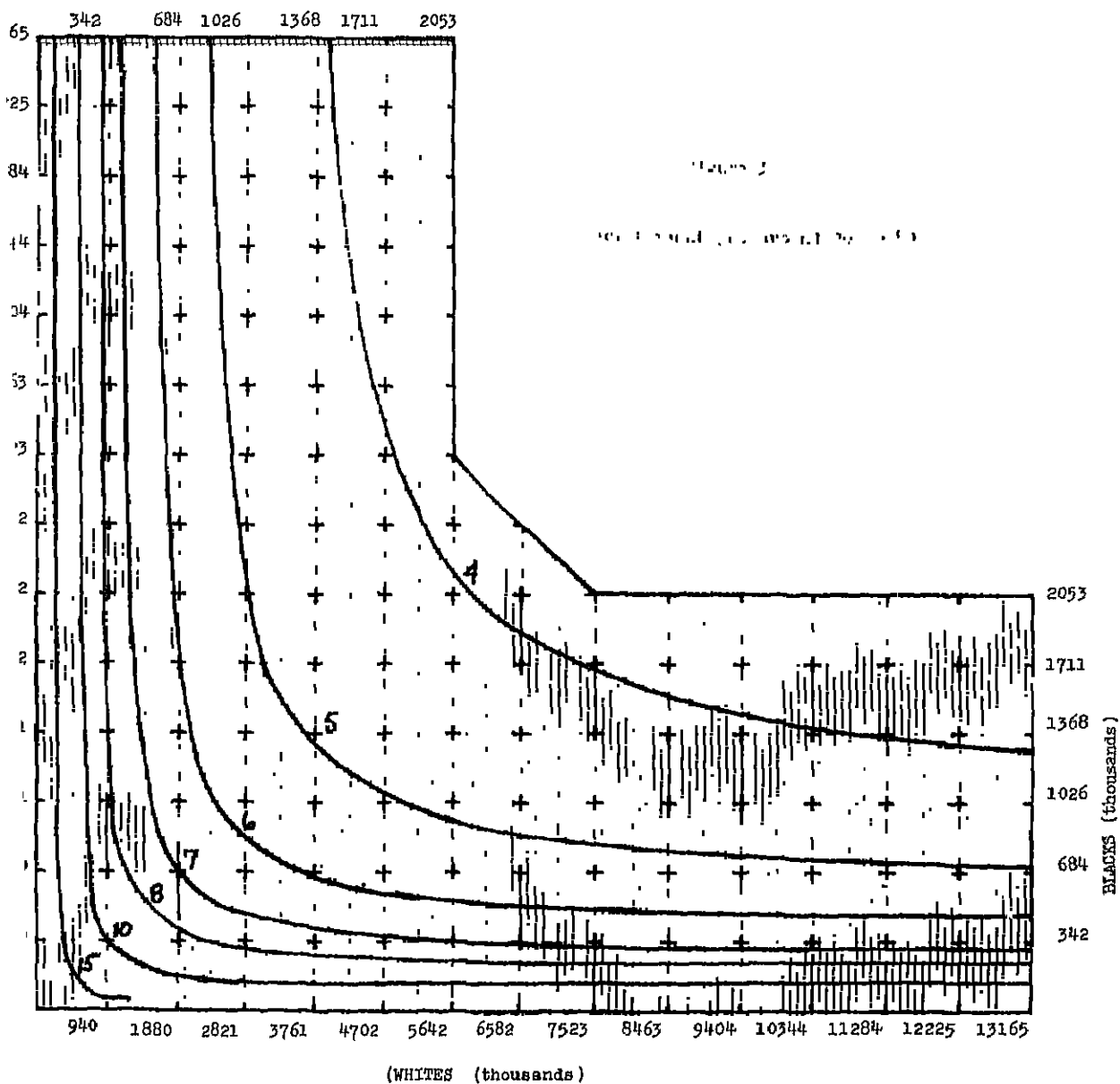
3 Each of the curves in the graphs of this appendix illustrates a functional relationship between bases expressed in terms of actual sample cases. For convenience, however, the axes of the graphs are labeled in terms of blown up estimates which simply reflect numbers of sample cases multiplied by a weighting factor.

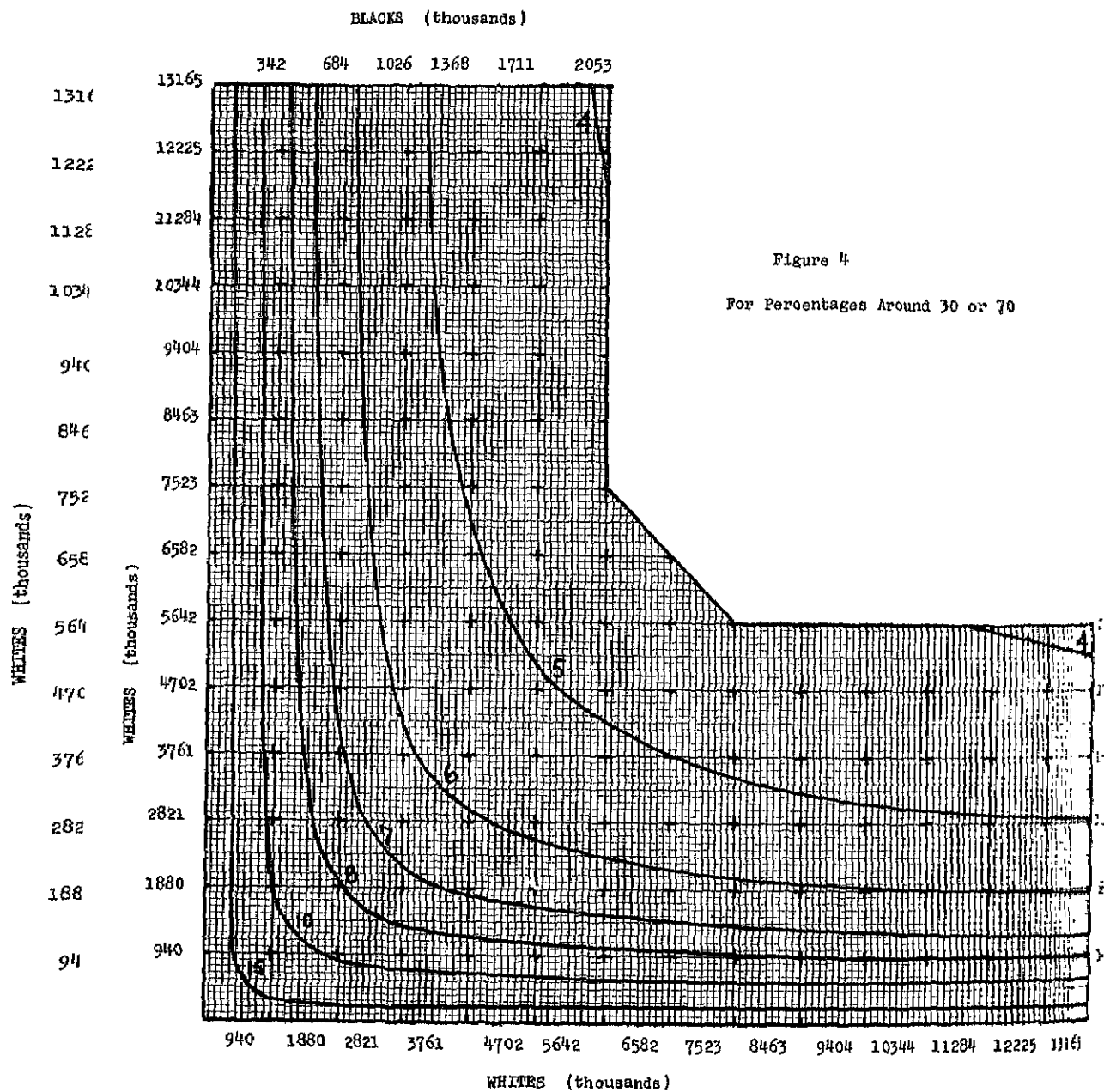
4 If both percentages are less (greater) than 50 and the midpoint between the two percentages is less (greater) than the percentage for which the curves were constructed, the actual differences necessary for significance will be slightly less than those shown on the curve. The required differences shown on the curves understate the actual differences necessary for significance when both percentages are less (greater) than 50 and the midpoint is greater (less) than the percentage for which the curves were constructed.

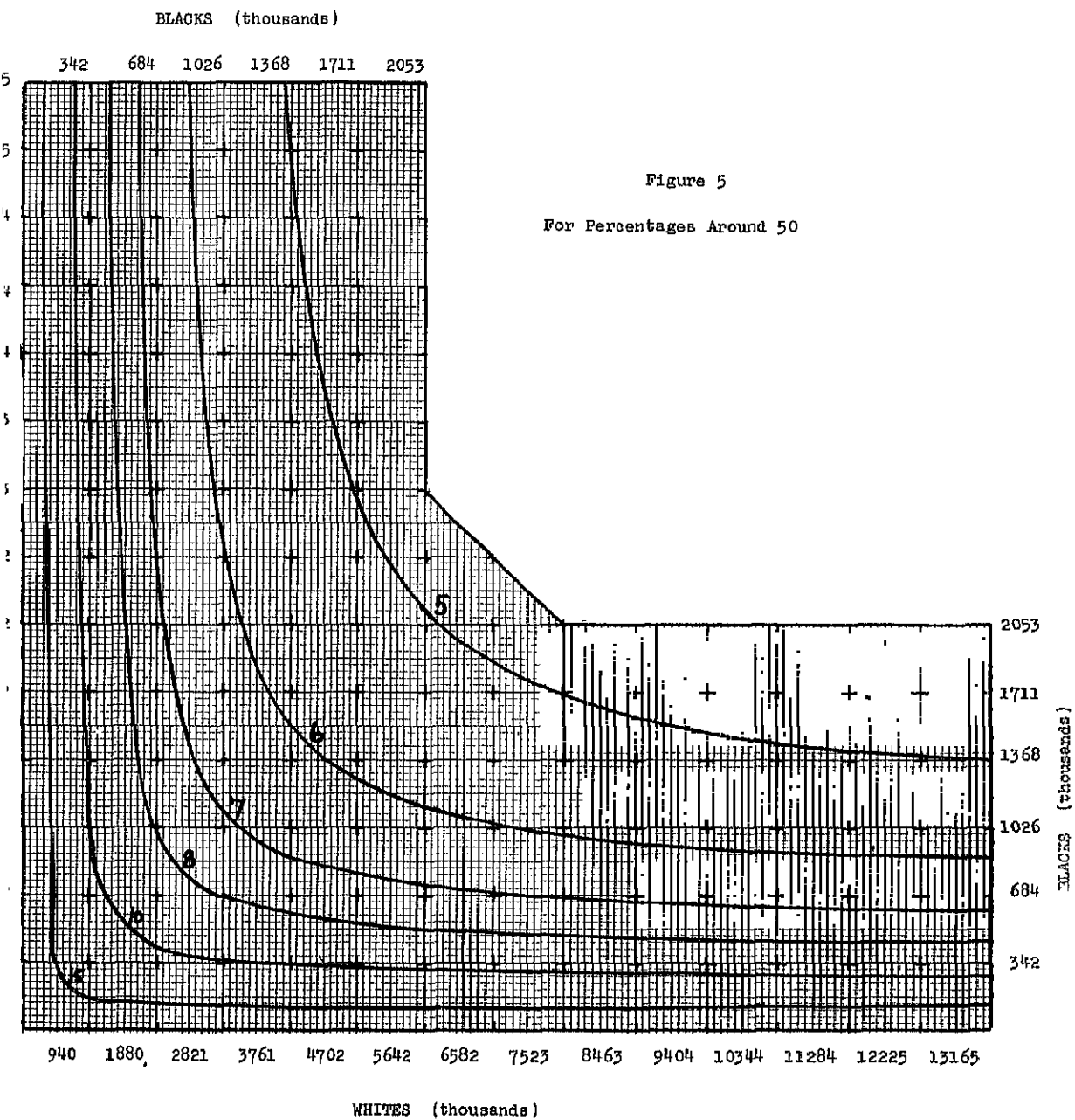




BLACKS (thousands)







Appendix D

NONRESPONSE RATES

For most of the variables presented in this volume there were large numbers of young men from whom information was not obtained, because either the response to the specific question was unclassifiable or no answer was given. Rarely (in the case of less than five variables) was the number of no responses larger than 10 percent of the relevant universe. This appendix presents a table with the major variables used in this report (for both blacks and whites), the definition of the appropriate universe, the number of men in that universe, and the number and proportion of responses that were not ascertained.

| Variable name | Item number on interview schedule | Definition of universe | WHITES | | | BLACKS | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| | | | Universe number (thousands) | Total number (thousands) | Percent | Universe number (thousands) | Total number (thousands) | Percent |
| Attachment to current job: | | | | | | | | |
| Reaction to hypothetical job offer inside area | 50 | All employed wage and salary workers not enrolled in school | 4,777 | 636 | 13.3 | 838 | 109 | 13.0 |
| Reaction to hypothetical job offer outside area | 51 | All employed wage and salary workers not enrolled in school | 4,777 | 399 | 8.4 | 838 | 68 | 8.1 |
| Attitude toward job: | | | | | | | | |
| Factor liked best | 49a | All employed respondents not enrolled in school | 5,024 | 91 | 1.8 | 892 | 21 | 2.5 |
| Factor liked least | 49b | All employed respondents not enrolled in school | 5,024 | 187 | 3.7 | 892 | 30 | 3.5 |
| Satisfaction with job, degree of | 48 | All employed respondents not enrolled in school | 5,024 | 50 | 1.0 | 892 | 12 | 1.4 |
| Class of worker | 42e | All respondents with work experience | 12,657 | 39 | 0.3 | 1,770 | 3 | 0.2 |
| Companies named as alternative sources of employment | 56c | All employed respondents not enrolled in school who would look for work in event of a hypothetical job loss | 3,575 | 79 | 2.2 | 720 | 18 | 2.5 |
| Educational experience: | | | | | | | | |
| Educational goals | 34a,35 | All respondents enrolled in school | 8,644 | 142 | 1.6 | 1,078 | 15 | 1.4 |
| Number of years of school completed | 1,2,4 | All respondents | 14,046 | 0 | 0.0 | 2,041 | 0 | 0.0 |
| School enrollment status | 1,2,4 | All respondents | 14,046 | 0 | 0.0 | 2,041 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Employment status of wife | 118 | All respondents with work experience | 12,657 | 105 | 0.8 | 1,770 | 38 | 2.1 |
| Exposure to reading material at age 14 | 101 | All respondents | 14,046 | 34 | 0.2 | 2,041 | 11 | 0.5 |

| Variable name | Item number on interview schedule | Definition of universe | WHITES | | | BLACKS | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| | | | Universe number (thousands) | Not ascertained | | Universe number (thousands) | Not ascertained | |
| | | | | Total number (thousands) | Percent | | Total number (thousands) | Percent |
| Financial characteristics: | | | | | | | | |
| Family income, total | 88a | All respondents | 14,046 | 1,618 | 11.5 | 2,041 | 188 | 9.2 |
| Hourly rate of pay | 42f | All respondents with work experience in wage or salary jobs | 11,716 | 398 | 3.4 | 1,707 | 50 | 2.9 |
| Income of respondent | 87a-d | All respondents | 14,046 | 1,114 | 7.9 | 2,041 | 184 | 9.0 |
| Health, effect on activity | 75-77 | All respondents | 14,046 | 95 | 0.7 | 2,041 | 9 | 0.4 |
| High school experience: | | | | | | | | |
| Curriculum | 23e | All respondents with some high school experience | 13,115 | 349 | 2.7 | 1,712 | 52 | 3.0 |
| Favorite extracurricular activity | 26g | All respondents enrolled in high school who have completed one year of high school, and who participate in an extracurricular activity | 2,968 | 53 | 1.8 | 423 | 4 | 0.9 |
| Hours per week spent on extracurricular activities | 26f | All respondents enrolled in high school who have completed one year of high school | 4,425 | 83 | 1.9 | 621 | 4 | 0.6 |
| Hours per week spent on homework | 26a | All respondents enrolled in high school who have completed one year of high school | 4,425 | 53 | 1.2 | 621 | 5 | 0.8 |
| Reaction to high school experience | 28 | All respondents enrolled in high school who have completed one year of high school | 4,425 | 57 | 1.3 | 621 | 3 | 0.5 |
| Subject disliked most | 25a | All enrolled respondents who have completed one year of high school, but less than one year of college | 5,392 | 73 | 1.4 | 706 | 7 | 1.0 |
| Subject enjoyed most | 24a | All respondents who have completed one year of high school, but less than one year of college | 9,153 | 124 | 1.4 | 1,375 | 18 | 1.3 |
| Hours worked during survey week | 38b | All employed respondents at work during survey week | 8,688 | 0 | 0.0 | 1,230 | 0 | 0.0 |

| Variable name | Item number on interview schedule | Definition of universe | WHITES | | | | BLACKS | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| | | | Universe number (thousands) | Not ascertained | | Universe number (thousands) | Not ascertained | | Total number (thousands) | Percent |
| | | | | Total number (thousands) | Percent | | Total number (thousands) | Percent | | |
| Industry | 42d | All respondents with work experience | 12,657 | 53 | 0.4 | 1,770 | 10 | 0.6 | | |
| Labor force status | 37 | All respondents | 14,046 | 0 | 0.0 | 2,041 | 0 | 0.0 | | |
| Length of service | 43b | All respondents with work experience | 12,657 | 775 | 6.1 | 1,770 | 74 | 4.2 | | |
| Method of finding current job | 43a | All employed respondents not enrolled in school | 5,024 | 33 | 0.6 | 862 | 7 | 0.8 | | |
| Method of looking for work in past four weeks | 40b | All respondents unemployed, survey week | 693 | 50 | 7.2 | 145 | 7 | 4.8 | | |
| Nationality | 96 | All respondents | 14,046 | 28 | 0.2 | 2,041 | 4 | 0.2 | | |
| Nonschool activity engaged in most | 27 | All enrolled respondents who have completed one year of high school, but less than one year of college | | | | | | | | |
| Occupation | 42e | All respondents with work experience | 12,657 | 119 | 0.9 | 1,770 | 27 | 1.5 | | |
| Occupational goals: | 70 | All respondents | 14,046 | 593 | 4.2 | 2,041 | 62 | 3.0 | | |
| | 72 | All respondents not enrolled who desire an occupation at age 30 that is different from their current or last occupation | | | | | | | | |
| | 73 | All respondents not enrolled who desire an occupation at age 30 that is different from their current or last occupation, but feel their chances to achieve it are fair or poor | 3,247 | 198 | 6.1 | 639 | 23 | 3.6 | | |
| | | | 1,231 | 236 | 19.2 | 268 | 33 | 12.3 | | |

| Variable name | Item number on interview schedule | Definition of universe | WHITES | | | BLACKS | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| | | | Universe number (thousands) | Total number (thousands) | Percent | Universe number (thousands) | Total number (thousands) | Percent |
| Occupation of head of household when youth was age 14 | 100 | All respondents | 14,046 | 915 | 6.5 | 2,041 | 260 | 12.7 |
| Occupational information test | 67,69 | All respondents | 14,046 | 0 | 0.0 | 2,041 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Residence at age 14 | 98 | All respondents | 14,046 | 21 | 0.1 | 2,041 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Responsibility change between current job and job one year ago | 44h | All respondents employed in October, 1965 and October, 1966 | 6,719 | 181 | 2.7 | 917 | 15 | 1.6 |
| Skill change between current job and job one year ago | 44g | All respondents employed in October, 1965 and October, 1966 | 6,719 | 166 | 2.5 | 917 | 12 | 1.3 |
| Spells of unemployment, number of | 60 | All respondents with work experience in 1965 | 12,316 | 693 | 5.6 | 1,735 | 98 | 5.6 |
| Veteran status | 17 | All respondents | 14,046 | 31 | 0.2 | 2,041 | 5 | 0.2 |
| Vocational training outside school: | | | | | | | | |
| Type of vocational training | 13c, 14b, 15c, 16c, 21a | All respondents not enrolled and not college graduates who want training | 4,217 | 46 | 1.1 | 842 | 6 | 0.7 |
| Extent of vocational training | 13d, 14c, 15d, 16d, 21c | All respondents not enrolled and not college graduates | 5,038 | 16 | 0.3 | 935 | 2 | 0.2 |
| Work motivation | 68 | All respondents | 14,046 | 246 | 1.8 | 2,041 | 51 | 2.5 |

s indicated in Chapter 3, the longitudinal survey (IGS) has produced rates of employment and unemployment among male youth--especially those aged in school--that are considerably higher than those based upon data obtained in the Current Population Survey (CPS). Also, the IGS measures the school enrollment ratio for the age group higher than does the CPS.

Since the CPS interview schedule for the month of October regularly includes supplementary questions on school attendance, it is possible to describe the pattern of differences between the two surveys for male students.¹ The Bureau of the Census is currently analyzing some of the unpublished data in relation to the IGS data to see what light such comparisons shed on the sources of difference between the two surveys. In this appendix, we describe the possible sources of difference, and present in some detail a comparison of the two sets of data.

Comparison of the Two Surveys

Both the CPS and the IGS are based on national probability samples. Because of sampling variation, there are several possible sources of difference in the labor force and employment estimates from the two surveys. First of all, the CPS generally gathers information about all members of the household from one of its adult members, most frequently the housewife. This means that for an unmarried youth living at home, CPS questions are usually answered by the youngster's mother. In the case of a young married man, the questions most likely would be answered by his wife, usually if she is not working. In the IGS, on the other hand, the data are usually reported by the young man to whom they apply.

Second, there is an age difference between the two samples. For the CPS, inclusion within the cohort 14-24 years old was on the basis of attained age in October, 1966, whereas in the IGS, the criterion was attained age in April of that year. The IGS sample is thus older by one year than the CPS sample, which might account, in part, for the higher labor force participation rates produced by the former survey.

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See U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Special Force Report No. 87, "Employment of School Age Youth, October 1966."

Third, the questions on labor force and employment status and on school enrollment were not identical in the two surveys. For ascertaining labor force and employment status, our longitudinal survey used questions that were ultimately to be incorporated in the CPS. The CPS schedule was not modified until January, 1967. In other words, the questions relating to current labor force and employment status on our LGS schedule were identical to those which now appear in CPS.² With respect to school enrollment, respondents in the LGS were asked, "Are you attending or enrolled in regular school?" The CPS question, on the other hand, omits the word "regular," even though both studies intend to include only schools which advances a person toward an elementary or a high school diploma, or a college, university, or professional school degree. Also, CPS instructions to interviewers, unlike those of LGS, call for classifying students as persons who have been enrolled during the school year, even if they no longer are enrolled at the time of the interview. Moreover, in the CPS, questions on labor force and employment status appear first in the interview schedule, followed by those on school enrollment status. In the LGS, the order of these two segments of the schedule is reversed.

Fourth, there is a difference in timing between the two surveys. Interviews for the October CPS were conducted during the week beginning October 16, while questions with respect to labor force and employment status related to the previous calendar week. In the LGS, interviewing extended from October 23 to December 17, while labor force questions related to the calendar week preceding the date of interview. Thus, while CPS measured employment and unemployment in the calendar week beginning October 9, the reference period for the LGS is less definite, ranging from the week of October 16 to the week of December 4. However, the difference in time reference between the two studies is not as pronounced as these dates imply, since all but about 25 percent of the LGS interviews had been completed by mid-November.

The problem that the difference in timing makes is twofold. First, to the extent that the general economic climate changed between October and December of 1966, CPS estimates of labor force and unemployment should differ

2 The chief differences were that the LGS involved probes with respect to the timing and nature of the work-seeking activities of the unemployed. A more rigorous definition of unemployment, and probes on ^{and to} obtain more accurate information about overtime results of a study by Robert L. Stein ("New and Unemployment," U.S. Department of Labor, Feb., 1967, pp. 3-27) indicate that among boys ^{10-17 years old} these differences should not produce any difference in labor force participation rates but should cause unemployment rates based on the old CPS definitions to be approximately 0.5 percentage points higher than those based on the new definitions.

Another methodological difference between the two surveys is that all the young men in the LGS were being interviewed for the first time. In CPS, on the other hand, information was for respondents of whom only about an eighth were experiencing their initial interview. There is evidence from the CPS that responses vary among segments of the sample depending on whether the respondent is newly entering the sample or is being re-interviewed. Specifically, labor force participation and unemployment rates tend to be higher among that portion of the sample being interviewed for the first time than among those being re-interviewed.⁴

It is tempting to explain most of the differences between our data and those of CPS, particularly the differences in labor force participation rates, in terms of the fact that the LGS data are reported by the respondent, whereas the CPS data, for the most part, are reported by someone else. In view of the other differences between the two surveys, however, it is wiser to reserve judgment. The methodological studies currently being conducted by the Census Bureau may ultimately help to decide how much of the difference between LGS and CPS is attributable to the sources of data. Moreover, when the results of our 1967 survey are tabulated, we shall have a better basis for arriving at a confident answer to this question, since the questions in the LGS are identical to those in the CPS for October, 1967. Until then, we can only point out the nature and magnitude of the differences between our rates and those of the CPS.

3 An examination of seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for boys and men 20-24 years old reveals that the unemployment rate of the younger group decreased slightly between October and December, 1966, but for the older group it increased somewhat during the same period. Rough estimates derived from these data indicate that, for the younger group, the CPS rate tends to be about 5 percent higher than the LGS rate because of the difference in timing, but for the older group, the LGS rate ought to exceed the CPS rate by about 10 percent.

4 Among boys 14-19 years old participation rates for those being interviewed for the first time are approximately 4 percent higher than the rates for all male teenagers in the sample and unemployment rates are about 10 percent greater. See Robert Pearl and Joseph Waksberg, "Effects of Computerized Household Interviews in the Current Population Survey," paper presented before 47th National Conference of the American Marketing Association, June 17, 1964, Dallas, Texas. Special tabulations provided by the Census Bureau of data for "first month households" for the November, 1966, CPS show labor force participation rates and unemployment rates for young men 14-19 and 20-24 years of age that are closer to the LGS rates than are the rates produced by the total CPS sample.

Table E-1 shows that the LGS estimate of the labor force for males 14-24 years of age is 2.4 million greater than that yielded by the CPS. This results from higher estimates of both employment and unemployment by almost 2.1 million in the case of the former and somewhat over 0.3 million in the case of the latter--far too large to be reasonably attributable to sampling variation. There is also a substantial difference between the two surveys in the number of young men reported as enrolled in school (Table E-2). The CPS measurement is over half a million greater than that of the LGS.⁵

Differences in Labor Force Participation Rates

The differences in labor force participation rates produced by the two surveys are much more pronounced among students than among nonstudents and, within each of these categories, the differences are greater for younger than for older youth. For the total age group, the LGS labor force participation rate is 28 percent greater than that of the CPS (Table E-3). For those enrolled in school, the differential is 62 percent; for those not enrolled, only 2 percent. Among the students, the rate produced by the LGS for the 14-15 year olds is 2.5 times as great as that of the CPS. Among those 16-21, the LGS rate is about 1.5 times as large as that of CPS, and among the 22-24 year age group, the differential is about 1.25.

In the case of those not enrolled in school, the largest differences between the two surveys occur among those under age 18. The number of 14-15 year olds not attending school is so small that the estimates of labor force participation rates are not at all reliable. Among the 16-17 year old group, the LGS rate is almost a fourth higher than that of CPS. For the 18-19 year olds and the 20-21 year olds, the LGS rates are 4 percent and 3 percent, respectively, higher than those of CPS, and for the 22-24 year old group, 1 percent lower. All of these differences for age groups 18 and above, and especially the latter, could well have resulted from sampling variation.

The pattern of differences in labor force participation rates between the two surveys is similar for whites and blacks, but more pronounced in the case of the latter (Table E-4). For example, the LGS participation rate of those attending school is over twice as great as that of CPS for black youth and only 1.6 times as great for the whites. For those not in school, the LGS rate is 4 percent higher than CPS for blacks, 2 percent higher for whites.

⁵ The slight difference in the estimates of the total number of men 14-24 shown in Tables E-1-E-3 results from the fact that the CPS weighted the sample to the estimated population by age for October, 1966, while LGS used the population estimate for November.

| Color and age | Current Population Survey (1) | | | | | Longitudinal Survey | | | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|---|
| | Population | Labor force | | | | Population | Labor force | | | | |
| | | Total | | Unemployed | | | Total | | Unemployed | | |
| | | Total number | Percent of population | Employed | Percent of labor force | | Total number | Percent of population | Employed | Percent of labor force | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14-15 | 3,687 | 622 | 16.9 | 581 | 41 | 3,697 | 1,560 | 42.2 | 1,317 | 243 | 1 |
| 16-17 | 3,481 | 1,462 | 42.0 | 1,301 | 161 | 3,584 | 2,198 | 61.3 | 1,910 | 288 | 1 |
| 18-19 | 3,187 | 1,882 | 59.1 | 1,726 | 156 | 3,053 | 2,253 | 73.7 | 2,059 | 194 | |
| 20-21 | 2,251 | 1,605 | 71.3 | 1,516 | 89 | 2,302 | 1,894 | 82.2 | 1,833 | 61 | |
| 22-24 | 3,453 | 3,119 | 90.3 | 3,051 | 68 | 3,451 | 3,201 | 92.8 | 3,149 | 52 | |
| Total 14-24 | 16,059 | 8,690 | 54.1 | 8,175 | 515 | 16,087 | 11,107 | 69.0 | 10,269 | 838 | |
| WHITE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14-15 | 3,197 | 562 | 17.6 | 534 | 28 | 3,206 | 1,355 | 42.3 | 1,147 | 208 | 1 |
| 16-17 | 3,021 | 1,311 | 43.4 | 1,182 | 129 | 3,074 | 1,890 | 61.5 | 1,668 | 222 | 1 |
| 18-19 | 2,796 | 1,665 | 59.6 | 1,530 | 135 | 2,733 | 2,019 | 73.9 | 1,849 | 170 | |
| 20-21 | 1,963 | 1,355 | 69.0 | 1,291 | 64 | 1,988 | 1,616 | 81.3 | 1,563 | 53 | |
| 22-24 | 3,048 | 2,744 | 90.0 | 2,687 | 57 | 3,045 | 2,811 | 92.3 | 2,771 | 40 | |
| Total 14-24 | 14,025 | 7,637 | 54.5 | 7,224 | 413 | 14,046 | 9,691 | 69.0 | 8,998 | 693 | |
| BLACK(2) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14-15 | 490 | 60 | 12.2 | 47 | 13 | 491 | 205 | 41.7 | 170 | 35 | 1 |
| 16-17 | 460 | 151 | 32.8 | 119 | 32 | 510 | 308 | 60.3 | 242 | 66 | 2 |
| 18-19 | 391 | 217 | 55.5 | 196 | 21 | 321 | 234 | 73.1 | 210 | 24 | 1 |
| 20-21 | 288 | 250 | 86.8 | 225 | 25 | 313 | 277 | 88.7 | 270 | 7 | |
| 22-24 | 405 | 375 | 92.6 | 364 | 11 | 406 | 391 | 96.1 | 378 | 13 | |
| Total 14-24 | 2,034 | 1,053 | 51.8 | 951 | 102 | 2,041 | 1,415 | 69.3 | 1,270 | 145 | 1 |

(1) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment of School Age Youth, October 1966", Special Labor Force Report No. 87, Recomputed from Table D.

(2) Here, and in all the tables and text of the report, the term "black" is used instead of the more conventional "nonwhite." This is simply a change in terminology. The definition of the group is precisely the same as that of the group designated "nonwhite" in the Current Population Survey, See text, p.

Table E-2 Labor Force and Employment Status, by School Enrollment Status and Age, October, 1966: Males
14-24 Years of AgeComparison of Current Population and Longitudinal Survey Results
(Numbers in thousands)

| Current Population Survey (1) | | | | | | | | | | Longitudinal Survey | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------|--|--|
| Age | Population | | | Labor force | | | | Population | | | Labor force | | | |
| | Total | | | Employed | | Unemployed | | Total | | | Unemployed | | | |
| | Total number | Percent of population | Employed | Total number | Percent of labor force | Total number | Percent of labor force | Total number | Percent of population | Employed number | Percent of labor force | | | |
| | Enrolled in school | | | | | | | | | Enrolled in school | | | | |
| 14-15 | 3,640 | 604 | 16.6 | 564 | 40 | 6.6 | 3,610 | 1,496 | 41.4 | 1,268 | 228 | 15.2 | | |
| 16-17 | 3,130 | 1,204 | 38.5 | 1,093 | 111 | 9.2 | 2,983 | 1,654 | 55.4 | 1,418 | 236 | 14.3 | | |
| 18-19 | 1,841 | 690 | 37.5 | 634 | 56 | 8.1 | 1,667 | 971 | 58.2 | 837 | 154 | 13.8 | | |
| 20-21 | 931 | 362 | 38.9 | 340 | 22 | 6.1 | 793 | 432 | 54.4 | 414 | 18 | 4.2 | | |
| 22-24 | 736 | 416 | 56.5 | 413 | 3 | 0.1 | 670 | 473 | 70.6 | 456 | 17 | 3.6 | | |
| Total 14-24 | 10,278 | 3,276 | 31.9 | 3,044 | 232 | 7.1 | 9,723 | 5,026 | 51.7 | 4,393 | 633 | 12.6 | | |
| Not enrolled in school | | | | | | | | | | Not enrolled in school | | | | |
| 14-15 | 47 | 18 | 38.5 | 17 | 1 | 5.6 | 87 | 63 | 72.3 | 48 | 15 | 23.8 | | |
| 16-17 | 351 | 258 | 73.5 | 208 | 50 | 19.4 | 601 | 545 | 90.7 | 492 | 53 | 9.7 | | |
| 18-19 | 1,346 | 1,192 | 88.6 | 1,092 | 100 | 8.4 | 1,386 | 1,283 | 92.5 | 1,223 | 60 | 4.7 | | |
| 20-21 | 1,320 | 1,243 | 94.2 | 1,176 | 67 | 5.4 | 1,509 | 1,463 | 97.0 | 1,420 | 43 | 2.9 | | |
| 22-24 | 2,717 | 2,703 | 99.5 | 2,638 | 65 | 2.4 | 2,781 | 2,729 | 98.2 | 2,694 | 35 | 1.3 | | |
| Total 14-24 | 5,781 | 5,414 | 93.7 | 5,131 | 283 | 5.2 | 6,364 | 6,083 | 95.6 | 5,877 | 206 | 3.4 | | |

(1) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment of School Age Youth, October 1966", Special Labor Force Report No. 87, Table A.

Current Population and Longitudinal Survey Results
(Numbers in thousands)

| | Current Population Survey (1) | | | | | | Longitudinal Survey | | | | | |
|-------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|------------------------|
| | Population | Labor force | | | | | Population | Labor force | | | | |
| | | Total | | Employed | Unemployed | | | Total | | Employed | Unemployed | |
| | | Total number | Percent of population | | Total number | Percent of labor force | | Total number | Percent of population | | Total number | Percent of labor force |
| | Enrolled in school | | | | | | Enrolled in school | | | | | |
| 14-24 | 3,158 | 545 | 17.3 | 517 | 28 | 5.1 | 3,142 | 1,312 | 41.7 | 1,116 | 196 | 14.9 |
| | 2,729 | 1,088 | 39.9 | 1,001 | 87 | 8.0 | 2,589 | 1,445 | 55.8 | 1,256 | 186 | 12.9 |
| | 1,649 | 642 | 38.9 | 588 | 54 | 8.4 | 1,545 | 919 | 59.5 | 796 | 123 | 13.4 |
| | 881 | 340 | 38.6 | 320 | 20 | 5.9 | 739 | 400 | 54.1 | 384 | 16 | 4.0 |
| | 701 | 397 | 56.6 | 394 | 3 | 0.8 | 629 | 436 | 69.4 | 420 | 16 | 3.7 |
| | 9,118 | 3,012 | 33.0 | 2,820 | 192 | 6.4 | 8,644 | 4,512 | 52.2 | 3,974 | 538 | 11.9 |
| | Not enrolled in school | | | | | | Not enrolled in school | | | | | |
| 14-24 | 39 | 17 | 43.6 | 17 | 0 | --- | 64 | 43 | 67.7 | 31 | 12 | 27.9 |
| | 292 | 223 | 76.4 | 181 | 42 | 18.8 | 485 | 447 | 91.9 | 410 | 37 | 8.3 |
| | 1,147 | 1,023 | 89.2 | 942 | 81 | 7.9 | 1,188 | 1,099 | 92.5 | 1,053 | 46 | 4.2 |
| | 1,082 | 1,015 | 93.8 | 971 | 44 | 4.3 | 1,249 | 1,216 | 97.4 | 1,179 | 37 | 3.0 |
| | 2,347 | 2,347 | 100.0 | 2,293 | 54 | 2.3 | 2,416 | 2,374 | 98.3 | 2,351 | 23 | 1.0 |
| | 4,907 | 4,625 | 94.3 | 4,404 | 221 | 4.8 | 5,402 | 5,179 | 95.9 | 5,024 | 155 | 3.0 |
| | Enrolled in school | | | | | | Enrolled in school | | | | | |
| 14-24 | 482 | 59 | 12.2 | 47 | 12 | 20.3 | 467 | 185 | 39.5 | 153 | 32 | 17.3 |
| | 401 | 116 | 28.9 | 92 | 24 | 20.7 | 394 | 209 | 53.1 | 159 | 50 | 23.9 |
| | 192 | 48 | 25.0 | 46 | 2 | 4.2 | 123 | 52 | 41.8 | 41 | 11 | 21.2 |
| | 50 | 22 | 44.0 | 20 | 2 | 9.1 | 54 | 31 | 58.0 | 30 | 1 | 3.2 |
| | 35 | 19 | 54.3 | 19 | 0 | --- | 41 | 36 | 89.8 | 35 | 1 | 2.8 |
| | 1,160 | 264 | 22.8 | 224 | 40 | 15.2 | 1,078 | 513 | 47.6 | 418 | 95 | 18.5 |
| | Not enrolled in school | | | | | | Not enrolled in school | | | | | |
| 14-24 | 8 | 1 | 12.5 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 | 24 | 20 | 85.1 | 17 | 3 | 15.0 |
| | 59 | 35 | 59.3 | 27 | 8 | 22.9 | 116 | 98 | 84.9 | 82 | 16 | 16.3 |
| | 199 | 169 | 84.9 | 150 | 19 | 11.2 | 198 | 184 | 92.4 | 170 | 14 | 7.6 |
| | 238 | 228 | 95.8 | 205 | 23 | 10.1 | 259 | 246 | 95.0 | 240 | 6 | 2.4 |
| | 370 | 356 | 96.2 | 345 | 11 | 3.1 | 365 | 353 | 96.8 | 342 | 11 | 3.1 |
| | 874 | 789 | 90.3 | 727 | 62 | 7.9 | 963 | 902 | 93.7 | 852 | 50 | 5.5 |

1) U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment of School Age Youth, October 1966," Special Labor Force Report No. 87, Table D.

2) See Table E-1, footnote 2.

Table E-4 Ratios of LGS to CPS Labor Force Participation Rates and Unemployment Rates, by School Enrollment Status and Age; Males 14-24 Years of Age, by Color

| School enrollment status and age | Ratio of LGS to CPS labor force participation rate (1) | | | Ratio of LGS to CPS unemployment rate (1) | | |
|----------------------------------|--|------------|---------|---|------------|-------|
| | WHITES | BLACKS (2) | TOTAL | WHITES | BLACKS (2) | TOTAL |
| Total | | | | | | |
| 14-15 | 2.40 | 3.42 | 2.50 | 3.08 | 0.79 | 2.33 |
| 16-17 | 1.42 | 1.84 | 1.46 | 1.19 | 1.01 | 1.11 |
| 18-19 | 1.24 | 1.32 | 1.24 | 1.04 | 1.06 | 1.04 |
| 20-21 | 1.18 | 1.02 | 1.15 | 0.70 | 0.25 | 0.55 |
| 22-24 | 1.03 | 1.04 | 1.03 | 0.66 | 1.14 | 0.77 |
| Total 14-24 | 1.27 | 1.33 | 1.28 | 1.33 | 1.05 | 1.22 |
| Enrolled in school | | | | | | |
| 14-15 | 2.41 | 3.24 | 2.49 | 2.92 | 0.85 | 2.33 |
| 16-17 | 1.40 | 1.84 | 1.44 | 1.61 | 1.15 | 1.51 |
| 18-19 | 1.53 | 1.67 | 1.55 | 1.60 | 5.05 | 1.71 |
| 22-21 | 1.40 | ----(3) | 1.40 | 0.68 | ----(3) | 0.68 |
| 22-24 | 1.23 | ----(3) | 1.25 | 4.62 | ----(3) | 5.11 |
| Total 14-24 | 1.58 | 2.09 | 1.62 | 1.86 | 1.22 | 1.71 |
| Not enrolled in school | | | | | | |
| 14-15 | ---(3) | ----(3) | ----(3) | ---(3) | ----(3) | --- |
| 16-17 | 1.20 | 1.43 | 1.23 | 0.44 | 0.71 | 0.55 |
| 18-19 | 1.04 | 1.09 | 1.04 | 0.53 | 0.68 | 0.55 |
| 20-21 | 1.04 | 0.99 | 1.03 | 0.70 | 0.24 | 0.55 |
| 22-24 | 0.98 | 1.00 | 0.99 | 0.43 | 1.00 | 0.55 |
| Total 14-24 | 1.02 | 1.04 | 1.02 | 0.63 | 0.70 | 0.55 |

(1) Computed from data in Table

(2) See Table E-1, footnote 2.

(3) Ratio not calculated where rates are based on numbers under 100,000.

he two studies vary in opposite directions depending upon whether
oks at youth who are attending school or those who are not (Table E-3).
the youth attending school, LGS produces an unemployment rate of 12.6
t, as compared with 7.1 percent registered by CPS. On the other hand,
S rate for those out of school is almost two percentage points lower
hat of CPS (3.4 versus 5.2). In the out-of-school group, the LGS
oyment rate is uniformly about half as great as the CPS rate in all
tegories except the 14-15 year old group, where the absolute numbers
ry small. For the in-school youth, the LGS registers higher unemploy-
ates for all age categories except the 20-21 year olds, where it is
wo-thirds as high as the CPS. The difference is greatest for students
years old whose rate is almost 9 percentage points higher in LGS than
. Differentials between the two surveys are similar, in general, for
and blacks; however, in the case of those enrolled in school the
ll differential is greater in the case of whites.

teristics of Employed Students: CPS versus LGS

iven that LGS registers a much higher level of employment among male
ts than the CPS, is there any evidence of a systematic difference in
nds of employment reported in the two surveys? More specifically,
uth registered as employed by LGS, but not by CPS, disproportionately
trated in such casual and marginal occupations as lawnmowing,
per delivery, or babysitting--kinds of employment which are more
to be remembered and reported by a youngster himself than by his
s. A definitive answer to this question is not possible with the
available to us. Nevertheless, some fairly confident judgments may
e by comparing the CPS and LGS distributions of the employed group
upation and class of worker. Total employment of students, as
ed by the LGS, is 1.3 million greater (44 percent) than that of CPS.
s such a large difference that if it were attributable exclusively,
n primarily, to the inclusion of particular categories of young
s likely to be missed by CPS, there surely would be pronounced
ences in percentage distributions between the two sets of data.

actually, the occupational composition of the employed youth enrolled
ool is slightly different as measured by the LGS from what is
ed by CPS (Table E-5).⁶ In particular, it is noteworthy that whether

Among those not enrolled in school, LGS shows a substantially
proportion of craftsmen, foremen, and kindred workers than CPS. The
ence is most pronounced in the case of youngsters 18-19 years of age.
IS shows a fifth of this age group as craftsmen, as compared with only
h in the CPS. Among youth 20-24 years old, the respective proportions
. percent and 18 percent. We have no explanation for the differences,
; the occupational level of youth in blue-collar jobs is more likely to
rstated in the self-reports of the young men than when other members
household provide the information.

one looks at the data for the total age group or for the individual age categories, there is no tendency for LGS to show greater concentration of youth in sales, service, or farm laborer occupations, and only a very slight tendency, especially in the younger age groups, for LGS to overrepresent nonfarm laborers relative to CPS. These are the occupational categories in which most casual and marginal jobs would fall.

Using class of worker as the criterion, one might expect casual work by teenagers to be disproportionately concentrated among the self-employed and unpaid family workers. In both the CPS and LGS, the proportion of the age group in this category is more than twice as high for students as for nonstudents. It is noteworthy, therefore, that the proportion of employed students, classified by LGS as self-employed and unpaid family workers, is actually slightly lower than the corresponding figure of CPS (Table E-6). All of the difference is attributable to the youngest age group (14-17) where most of the casual work should be expected to be concentrated.

Characteristics of Unemployed Students: CPS versus LGS

Since the unemployment rates for students shown by the LGS are much higher than those of the CPS, one may wonder whether they reflect an element of fantasy resulting from the self-reporting by the very young. The evidence on this question is very limited and more or less circumstantial. In the first place, it is probably significant that all of the 633 thousand students who reported themselves unemployed in the LGS had had previous work experience. Second, when the occupations in which they last served are compared with the occupations of those in the same age group currently employed, the differences are not extremely great (Table E-7). Finally, the methods of job search used by the youth appear to be reasonable and, moreover, do not differ much between the 14-15 year olds, where "fantasy" would be most likely, and the 18-19 year olds (Table E-8). In both age groups, about half the young men were checking directly with employers, one in seven or eight was canvassing friends and relatives, and a similar proportion was using formal methods such as employment services or newspaper advertisements. While these data are by no means conclusive, they at least make suspect the hypothesis that the LGS data on unemployment are inflated by unrealistic responses of the very young. There is no evidence, either in previous work experience or in current activity, that the unemployment of the youngest group is any more the figment of whimsy or fantasy than that of their older counterparts.

Comparison of Current Population and Longitudinal Survey Results

(Percentage distribution)

| Occupation | Current Population Survey (1) | | | | Longitudinal Survey | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| | 14-17 | 18-19 | 20-24 | Total 14-24 | 14-17 | 18-19 | 20-24 | Total 14-24 |
| Enrolled in school | | | | | Enrolled in school | | | |
| Professional and technical | 1 | 8 | 32 | 10 | 3 | 12 | 38 | 11 |
| Managers and farm managers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Proprietors and proprietors | 0 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Technical | 7 | 17 | 15 | 11 | 6 | 22 | 19 | 11 |
| Students | 17 | 12 | 8 | 14 | 13 | 8 | 6 | 11 |
| Craftsmen and foremen | 1 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 5 |
| Operatives | 13 | 22 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| Service | 20 | 21 | 12 | 18 | 21 | 20 | 10 | 19 |
| Unskilled laborers | 18 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 10 |
| Farm laborers | 22 | 11 | 4 | 16 | 24 | 10 | 6 | 18 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,657 | 634 | 753 | 3,044 | 2,686 | 837 | 870 | 4,392 |
| Not enrolled in school | | | | | Not enrolled in school | | | |
| Professional and technical | 1 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 8 |
| Managers and farm managers | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Proprietors and proprietors | 0 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Technical | 6 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Students | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Craftsmen and foremen | 9 | 10 | 18 | 16 | 11 | 20 | 22 | 20 |
| Operatives | 28 | 41 | 32 | 34 | 31 | 38 | 31 | 32 |
| Service | 9 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| Unskilled laborers | 23 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| Farm laborers | 22 | 20 | 10 | 13 | 21 | 14 | 8 | 11 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 225 | 1,092 | 3,814 | 5,131 | 540 | 1,223 | 4,114 | 5,876 |

1) U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment of School Age Youth, October 1966" Special Labor Force Report No. 87, Table F.

Table E-6 Class of Worker, by School Enrollment Status and Age, October 1966:
Employed Males 14-24 Years of Age

Comparison of Current Population and Longitudinal Survey Results
(Percentage distribution)

| Class of worker | Current Population Survey ⁽¹⁾ | | | | Longitudinal Survey | | | |
|---|--|-------|-------|----------------|------------------------|-------|-------|----------------|
| | 14-17 | 18-19 | 20-24 | Total 14-24 | 14-17 | 18-19 | 20-24 | Total 14-24 |
| Wage and salary Self-employed and unpaid family worker Total percent Total number (thousands) | Enrolled in school | | | | Enrolled in school | | | |
| | 83 | 96 | 99 | 90 | 88 | 94 | 96 | 91 |
| | 17 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 9 |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 1,657 | 634 | 753 | 3,044 | 2,686 | 837 | 870 | 4,392 |
| | Not enrolled in school | | | | Not enrolled in school | | | |
| Wage and salary Self-employed and unpaid family worker Total percent Total number (thousands) | 88 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 95 | 96 |
| | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 225 | 1,092 | 3,814 | 5,131 | 540 | 1,223 | 4,114 | 5,876 |

(1) U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment of School Age Youth, October 1966" Special Labor Force Report No. 87, recomputed from Table H.

| r occupation P | 14-15 | | 16-17 | |
|------------------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|
| | Employed | Unemployed | Employed | Unemployed |
| essional and hnical | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| arm managers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| proprietors | 5 | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| ical | 16 | 20 | 10 | 8 |
| s | | | | |
| tsmen and | 3 | 8 | 6 | 0 |
| emen | 8 | 12 | 17 | 22 |
| atives | 26 | 24 | 23 | 36 |
| arm laborers | 19 | 12 | 23 | 18 |
| ice | | | | |
| ers and farm | 19 | 15 | 12 | 7 |
| orers | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| otal percent | | | | |
| otal number | | | | |
| thousands) | 1,268 | 228 | 1,418 | 236 |

ce: Longitudinal Survey

a E-8 Methods of Looking for Work, by Age: Unemployed Male Students
14-19 Years of Age
(Percentage distribution)

| od of looking for work | 14-15 | 16-17 | 18-19 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| ol employment service | 4 | 11 | 0 |
| ic employment agency | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| ate employment agency | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| otly with employer | 54 | 38 | 49 |
| es or answers ads. | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| tives and friends | 14 | 13 | 16 |
| r or combinations | 16 | 27 | 21 |
| otal percent | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| otal number (thousands) | 228 | 236 | 134 |

ce: Longitudinal Survey

NATIONAL LONGITUDINAL SURVEYS

**SURVEY OF WORK EXPERIENCE
OF MALES 14-24**

1966

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 4. Line number of respondent _____ | |
| 3. Name _____ | |
| 4. Address _____ _____ | |
| 5. Interviewed by: _____ | Code _____ |

RECORD OF CALLS

| Date | Time | Comments |
|------|------|----------|
| | a.m. | |
| | p.m. | |
| | a.m. | |
| | p.m. | |
| | a.m. | |
| | p.m. | |
| | a.m. | |
| | p.m. | |

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

| Interview time | | Date completed | Comments |
|----------------|-------|----------------|----------|
| Began | Ended | | |
| a.m. | a.m. | | |
| p.m. | p.m. | | |

NONINTERVIEW REASON

- ☐ Temporarily absent
☐ No one home
☐ Refused
 4 ☐ Other - Specify _____

TRANSCRIPTION FROM HOUSEHOLD RECORD CARD

Item 2 - Identification code _____

Item 15 - Age _____

Item 22 - Tenure

Item 13 - Marital status

Item 16 - Race

- 1 ☐ Owned or being bought
 2 ☐ Rented
 3 ☐ No cash rent

- 1 ☐ Married spouse present
 2 ☐ Married spouse absent
 3 ☐ Widowed
 4 ☐ Divorced
 5 ☐ Separated
 6 ☐ Never married

- 1 ☐ White
 2 ☐ Negro
 3 ☐ Other

Items 23-25 - Land usage

- 1 ☐ A 4 ☐ D
 2 ☐ B 5 ☐ E
 3 ☐ C

Respondent has moved, enter new address _____

| | |
|---|--|
| What grade are you attending? | 1 Elem. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 - SKIP to Section D, page 8 2 High 1 2 3 4 3 College .. 1 2 3 4 5 6+ |
| When you turned 14, were you ever out of school for an entire school year? | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent is 14 - SKIP to Check Item A 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - SKIP to 8 X <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to Check Item A |
| What is the highest year of regular school have completed? | 0 None 0 - SKIP to Section E, page 10 1 Elem. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 2 High 1 2 3 4 3 College .. 1 2 3 4 5 6+ |
| How old were you when you last attended regular school? | Age _____ |
| Why would you say you decided to end your education at that time? | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Completed 4 or more years of college 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Had to work 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Couldn't afford college 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of ability 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Disliked school 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Military service 6 <input type="checkbox"/> No particular reason 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____ |
| Between the time you turned 14 and _____ as mentioned in 5), were you ever out of school an entire school year or more? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask 8 X <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to Check Item A |
| How old were you? (If more than once, about most recent time.) | Age _____ |
| Were you out of school at that time? | |
| Did you return to school? | |
| CHECK ONE | X <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in school or a college graduate (Q. 1 or 4) - SKIP to 17, page 5 1 <input type="checkbox"/> All others - Ask 11a |
| Considering all the experience you have had in working looking for jobs since leaving school, do you feel that having more education has hurt you in any way? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No ----- (If "Yes") (If "No") 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Can't get as good a job 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Have a good job 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to get a job 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Wouldn't be making as much money <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____ |
| Why do you feel this way? | |
| If you could, would you like to get more education or training? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask b 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 13a |
| What kind of courses or training would you like to take? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Technical (vocational) training - Specify type _____ 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Complete high school 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Go to college 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____ |
| When do you expect that you actually will get this education or training? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes When? _____ 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No Why not? 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

| | | | |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| training, electronics training, etc.? | | | |
| b. Why did you decide to get more training? | | | |
| c. What type of training did you take? | | | |
| d. How long did this training last? | Months _____ | | |
| e. How many hours per week did you spend on this training? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19 | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 or more |
| f. Did you finish or complete the program? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - SKIP to h 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - Ask g 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Still going on - SKIP to 14a | | |
| g. Why didn't you complete the program? | | | |
| h. Do you use this training on your present (last) job? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Never worked | | |
| 14a. Aside from regular school, did you ever take a full-time program lasting six weeks or more at a company training school? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 15a | | |
| b. What type of training did you take? | | | |
| c. How long did this training last? | Months _____ | | |
| d. How many hours per week did you spend on this training? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19 | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 or more |
| e. Did you finish or complete this program? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - SKIP to g 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - Ask f 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Still going on - SKIP to 15a | | |
| f. Why didn't you complete the program? | | | |
| g. Do you use this training on your present (last) job? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Never worked | | |
| 15a. Aside from regular school, did you ever take apprenticeship training or any other vocational or technical training (NOT counting on-the-job training given informally)? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask b 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 16a | | |
| b. Why did you decide to get more training? | | | |
| c. What type of training did you take? | | | |
| d. How long did this training last? | Months _____ | | |
| e. How many hours per week did you spend on this training? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19 | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 or more |
| f. Did you finish or complete this program? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - SKIP to h 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - Ask g 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Still going on - SKIP to 16a | | |
| g. Why didn't you complete the program? | | | |
| h. Do you use this training on your present (last) job? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Never worked | | |

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|--|---|---|
| Why did you decide to get more education? | | |
| What type of course did you take? | | |
| How long did this course last? | Months _____ | |
| How many hours per week did you spend on this course? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 or more |
| Did you finish or complete this program? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - SKIP to h 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - Ask g 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Still going on - SKIP to 17 | |
| Why didn't you complete the program? | | |
| Do you use this education on your present (last) job? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Never worked | |
| Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Which branch? x <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 22a 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Navy 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Army 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Marines 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard | |
| How did you enter the Armed Forces? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Drafted 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Enlisted as a regular 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Entered through OCS, ROTC, Service Academy 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____ | |
| How many months were you on active duty in the Armed Forces? | Months _____ | |
| How old were you when you were separated from active service? | Years _____ | |
| Other than basic training, what kinds of training did you receive while you were in the Armed Forces? (If more than 2, enter those 2 the respondent feels were most important.) (Ask b-d for both kinds of training) | 1. _____ 2. _____ | |
| Did you finish or complete this program? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| How long did this training last? | 1. Months _____ 2. Months _____ | |
| Do you use this training on your present (last) job? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Never worked 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Never worked | |
| What military occupation did you have for the longest time? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioned or Warrant Officer 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Enlisted man | |
| Are you an officer or enlisted man at that time? | | |
| Have you ever tried to enter Active Military Service? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | |
| Why were you not accepted? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Too young 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Female 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign born 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Fugitive 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Not a U.S. citizen 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf or dumb | |

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|------|--|--|
| b. | | <input type="checkbox"/> Never attended high school - <i>SKIP to Section E, #24</i> |
| | Street | |
| | City | County |
| c. | b. What is this high school's address? | State |
| | | ZIP code |
| d. | c. Is this school public or private? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Public |
| | | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Private |
| e. | d. In what years have you been (were you) enrolled there? . . . | From _____ To _____ |
| | | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational |
| f. | e. Are (were) you enrolled in a vocational curriculum, a commercial curriculum, college preparatory or a general curriculum (during your last year in high school)? . . | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial |
| | | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> College preparatory |
| | | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> General |
| g. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> CHECK ITEM 6 </div> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent has completed one or more years of college (Q. 2 or 4) - <i>SKIP to Section C</i> X <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent has completed less than one year of high school - <i>SKIP to Section D, page 6</i> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> All others - <i>Ask 24a</i> | |
| h. | | |
| 14a. | 24a. What high school subject did you enjoy (have you enjoyed) the most? | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> None - <i>SKIP to 25a</i> |
| | | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in it |
| b. | | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Find it easy |
| c. | | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Do well in it |
| d. | b. What is the main reason you enjoyed (have enjoyed) . . . ? | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Prepares for future job or career |
| | | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Important for non-vocational reasons |
| | | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - <i>Specify</i> _____ |
| e. | 25a. What high school subject did you dislike (have you disliked) the most? | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> None - <i>SKIP to 26a</i> |
| | | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult; hard work |
| f. | b. What is the main reason you disliked (have disliked) . . . ? | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Boring |
| | | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Felt it a waste of time |
| | | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - <i>Specify</i> _____ |
| | | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Do poorly in it |
| g. | | |
| 15a. | In your last full year in high school: 26a. How many hours per week, on the average, did you spend doing your homework? | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> None 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 or more |
| | | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> School library or study hall |
| b. | b. Where did you normally do most of your homework? | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - <i>Specify</i> _____ |
| | | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> At home |
| c. | c. Were there any conditions at this place which made it hard for you to study? | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> At friend's home |
| | | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - <i>Ask d</i> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - <i>SKIP to e</i> |
| d. | d. What were these conditions? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Noise (distractions) |
| | | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks necessary facilities (desk, room, etc.) |
| e. | | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - <i>Specify</i> _____ |
| | e. Did you take part in any extra-curricular activities at school, such as, sports, dramatics, publications, music, or clubs? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - <i>Ask f</i> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - <i>SKIP to 27</i> |
| f. | f. How many hours per week, on the average, did you spend on these activities? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 or more |
| | | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19 |
| g. | | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| | g. What was your favorite extra-curricular activity? | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| h. | | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Publications |
| | | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Other clubs |
| | | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Dramatics |
| | | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - <i>Specify</i> _____ |

extra time during your last full high school year?

3 ☐ Reading

i. All things considered, how do you feel about your high school experience?

- Did you (do you) -
- 1 ☐ like it very much?
- 2 ☐ like it fairly well?
- 3 ☐ dislike it somewhat?
- 4 ☐ dislike it very much?

C. COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

CHECK ITEM C

- x ☐ Respondent has never attended college (Q. 2 or 4) - *SKIP to Section D*
- 1 ☐ Other - *Ask 29a*

ASK FOR EACH SCHOOL ATTENDED

a. What are the names of all the colleges you have attended?

b. When were you enrolled there?

c. Where is this school located?

Name of college

From

To

City

State

d. What degree did you receive?

(If more than one, record the most recent)

0 ☐ Did not receive degree - *SKIP to g*

e. In what field did you receive your degree?

1 ☐ Interested in it

4 ☐ Good job possibilities

2 ☐ Do well in it

5 ☐ Other - *Specify*

3 ☐ Advised to do so

g. What is (was) the full-time tuition per year at (most recent school given in 29a)?

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h. Did (do) you have a scholarship, fellowship, assistantship, or other type of financial aid while enrolled at (most recent school given in 29a)?

1 ☐ Yes - *Ask i*

2 ☐ No - *SKIP to h*

1 ☐ Scholarship or fellowship

2 ☐ Assistantship (teaching, research, etc.)

3 ☐ Loan

4 ☐ Other - *Specify*

i. What kind?

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j. How much was it?

1 ☐ College degree necessary for his work

2 ☐ College degree necessary for success

3 ☐ Wanted more education

4 ☐ Avoid military service

5 ☐ Other - *Specify*

k. Why did you decide to continue your education beyond high school?

CHECK ITEM D

- 0 ☐ Respondent has not completed one year of college (Q. 2 or 4) - *SKIP to 35, page 8*
- 1 ☐ Other - *Ask 30a*

30a. What field of study in college did you enjoy (have you enjoyed) the most?

1 ☐ Interested in it

2 ☐ Find it easy

3 ☐ Do well

4 ☐

5 ☐

6 ☐

b. What is the main reason you enjoyed (have enjoyed) . . . ?

b. What is the main reason you disliked
(have disliked) . . . ?

- 1 ☐ Difficult
2 ☐ Felt it a waste of time
3 ☐ Does poorly in it

- 4 ☐ Boring
5 ☐ Other - Specify

32. All things considered, how do you feel
about your college experience?

Did (do) you -

- 1 ☐ like it very much?
2 ☐ like it fairly well?
3 ☐ dislike it somewhat?
4 ☐ dislike it very much?

CHECK
ITEM E

- x ☐ Respondent is attending college (Q. 2) - SKIP to 35
1 ☐ Other - Ask 33

33. Would you like to receive more education?

0 ☐ Yes - SKIP to 35

x ☐ No - SKIP to Section E

D. EDUCATIONAL GOALS OF THOSE ENROLLED IN SCHOOL

CHECK
ITEM F

- 1 ☐ Respondent is enrolled in school (Q. 1) - Ask 34a
x ☐ Other - SKIP to Section E

34a. How much more education would you like to get?
(If "None," mark current grade and follow appropriate skip pattern)

High School

College

- 0 ☐ Less than high school (Ask b)
(1) ☐ 1 year
☐ 2 years } Ask b
☐ 3 years
☐ 4 years - SKIP to c

- (2) ☐ 2 years (complete junior college or equivalent)
☐ 4 years (graduate from 4-year college)
☐ 6 years (obtain Master's degree or equivalent)
☐ 7 + years (obtain Ph.D. or professional degree)
(M.D., Law, etc.)

b. Why don't you want to complete high school?

c. What do you expect to do when you leave school?

- 1 ☐ Go to work
2 ☐ Military service
3 ☐ Other - Specify

Name

d. What college would you like to attend?

Location (City and State)

0 ☐ Undecided

e. What field of study would you like to take in college? . . .

0 ☐ Don't know - SKIP to 36a

f. Why would you like to go into this field of study?

- 1 ☐ Prepares for vocation I'm interested in
2 ☐ Prepares for vocation that pays well
3 ☐ Other - Specify

35. How much more college education would you like to get?

- ☐ Junior college or equivalent
☐ 4-year college
☐ Master's degree or equivalent
☐ Ph.D. or professional degree

D. EDUCATIONAL GOALS OF THOSE ENROLLED IN SCHOOL - Continued

As things now stand, how much more education do you think you will actually get?

High School

(1)

- ☐ 1 year
- ☐ 2 years
- ☐ 3 years
- ☐ 4 years

College

(2)

- ☐ 2 years (complete junior college or equivalent)
- ☐ 4 years (graduate from 4-year college)
- ☐ 6 years (obtain Master's degree or equivalent)
- ☐ 7+ years (obtain Ph.D. or professional degree)
(M.D., Law, etc.)

Amount recorded in 36a is:

- 1 ☐ Same or greater than amount given in 34a or 35 - Ask 36b
- 2 ☐ Less than amount given in 34a or 35 - Ask 36c

How will you finance this additional education?

- 1 ☐ Scholarship
- 2 ☐ Loan
- 3 ☐ Parents
- 4 ☐ Work
- 5 ☐ Don't know, not sure
- 6 ☐ Other - Specify _____

(SKIP to Section E)

Why do you think you will actually get less education than you would like to?

- 1 ☐ Too expensive; lack of sufficient funds
- 2 ☐ Difficulty in getting into college
- 3 ☐ Military obligation
- 4 ☐ Have to go to work
- 5 ☐ Other - Specify _____

While answering Section D was another person present?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No - Go to Section E

Would you say this person influenced the respondent's answers?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

E. CURRENT LABOR FORCE STATUS

37. What were you doing most of LAST WEEK -

☐ working
☐ going to school
☐ or something else?

- 1 ☐ Wk - Working - SKIP to 38b
 2 ☐ J - With a job but not at work
 3 ☐ Lk - Looking for work
 4 ☐ S - Going to school
 5 ☐ U - Unable to work - SKIP to 41a, page 11
 6 ☐ OI - Other - Specify

38c. Do you USUALLY work 35 hours or more a week at this job?

- 1 ☐ Yes - d. What is the reason you worked less than 35 hours LAST WEEK?
 2 ☐ No - e. What is the reason you USUALLY work less than 35 hours a week?

(Mark the appropriate reason)

- 01 ☐ Slack work
 02 ☐ Material shortage
 03 ☐ Plant or machine repair
 04 ☐ New job started during week
 05 ☐ Job terminated during week
 06 ☐ Could find only part-time work
 07 ☐ Labor dispute
 08 ☐ Did not want full-time work
 09 ☐ Full-time work week under 35 hours
 10 ☐ Attends school
 11 ☐ Holiday (legal or religious)
 12 ☐ Bad weather
 13 ☐ Own illness
 14 ☐ On vacation
 15 ☐ Too busy with housework, personal business, etc.
 16 ☐ Other - Specify

(If entry in 38d or 38e, SKIP to 42a on page 11 and enter job worked at last week.)

38a. Did you do any work at all LAST WEEK, not counting work around the house?

- 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No - SKIP to 39a

b. How many hours did you work LAST WEEK at all jobs?

CHECK ITEM H

Respondent worked -

- 1 ☐ 49 hours or more - SKIP to 42a on page 11 and enter job worked at last week

- 2 ☐ 1-34 hours - Ask c-e

- 3 ☐ 35-48 hours - Ask f-h

f. Did you lose any time or take any time off from work LAST WEEK for any reason such as illness, holiday, or slack work?

- 1 ☐ Yes - How many hours did you take off?
 2 ☐ No

NOTE: Correct item 38b if lost time not already deducted; if item 38b is reduced below 35 hours, ask items 38c-e, otherwise skip to 42a.

g. Did you work any overtime or extra hours LAST WEEK?

- 1 ☐ Yes - How many extra hours did you work?
 2 ☐ No

NOTE: Correct item 38b if extra hours not already included and skip to 42a.

h. Did you work at more than one job or for more than one employer LAST WEEK?

- 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No

NOTE: Find out whether hours on extra jobs were included in item 38b; if not, correct. (SKIP to 42a)

NOTES

(If "J" in 37, skip to 39b)

39a. Even though you did not work LAST WEEK, do you have a job (or business)?

- 1 ☐ Yes - Ask b
 x ☐ No - SKIP to 40a

b. Why were you absent from work LAST WEEK?

- 1 ☐ Own illness
 2 ☐ On vacation
 3 ☐ Bad weather
 4 ☐ Labor dispute
 5 ☐ New job to begin within 30 days - Ask 20.1
 6 ☐ Temporary layoff (less than 30 days)
 7 ☐ Indefinite layoff (more than 30 days or no definite recall date) Ask 2
 8 ☐ School interfered
 9 ☐ Other - Specify

c. Are you getting wages or salary for any of the time off LAST WEEK?

- 1 ☐ Yes
 2 ☐ No
 3 ☐ Self-employed

d. Do you usually work 35 hours or more a week at this job?

- 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No

(Go to 42a and enter job held last week.)

E. CURRENT LABOR FORCE STATUS - Continued

If "LK" in item 37, skip to 40b)

Have you been looking for work during the past 4 weeks?

1 ☐ Yes x ☐ No - SKIP to 41a

What have you been doing in the past 4 weeks to find work?

(Mark all methods used; do not read list)

0 ☐ Checked with school employment service (or counselor)

1 ☐ Checked with public employment agency

2 ☐ Checked with private employment agency

3 ☐ Checked directly with employer

4 ☐ Placed or answered ads

5 ☐ Checked with friends or relatives

6 ☐ Other - Specify: For example, MDTA, union, or professional register, etc.

7 ☐ Nothing - SKIP to 41a

(1) How many weeks have you been looking for work?

(2) How many weeks ago did you start looking for a job?

(3) How many weeks ago were you laid off?

Number of weeks _____

Have you been looking for full- or part-time work?

1 ☐ Full time 2 ☐ Part time

Is there any reason why you could not take a job LAST WEEK?

1 ☐ Yes - Check reason

1 ☐ Needed at home

2 ☐ Temporary illness

3 ☐ School

4 ☐ Other - Specify _____

2 ☐ No

When did you last work at a full- or part-time job or business lasting two consecutive weeks or more?

1 ☐ 1961 or later

Month _____ Year _____ } SKIP to 42a and enter last job

2 ☐ Before 1961

3 ☐ Never worked 2 weeks or more

} SKIP to Section H, page 17

4 ☐ Never worked at all

41a. When did you last work at a regular full- or part-time job or business lasting two consecutive weeks or more?

0 ☐ Never worked at all

x ☐ Never worked 2 weeks or more } SKIP to 45a

1 ☐ Before 1961

2 ☐ 1961 or later _____ (Month and year)

b. Why did you leave that job?

1 ☐ Personal, family reasons

2 ☐ Health reasons

3 ☐ School

4 ☐ SEASONAL job completed

5 ☐ Slack work or business conditions

6 ☐ TEMPORARY nonseasonal job completed

7 ☐ Unsatisfactory work arrangement (hours, pay, etc.)

8 ☐ Other - Specify _____

(SKIP to 45a)

42a. For whom did you work? (Name of company, organization, or other employer)

b. Where is . . . located?

City _____

State _____

c. What kind of work were you doing? (For example: civil engineer, stock clerk, typist, farmer, etc.)

d. What kind of business or industry is this? (For example: TV and radio manufacturers, retail shoe store, State Labor Department, farm, etc.)

e. Were you -

1 ☐ P - an employee of PRIVATE company, business, or individual for wages, salary, or commission? } Ask f

2 ☐ G - a GOVERNMENT employee (Federal, State, county, or local)?

3 ☐ O - SELF-EMPLOYED in OWN business, professional practice, or farm? } SKIP to 43a

Is this business incorporated? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4 ☐ WP - Working WITHOUT PAY in family business or farm?

f. How much do (did) you usually earn at this job before deductions?

\$ _____ per _____

(If amount given per HOUR, record dollars and cents; otherwise round to the nearest dollar)

43a. How did you find out about this job?

0 ☐ School employment service (or counselor)

1 ☐ Public employment agency

2 ☐ Private employment agency

3 ☐ Employer

4 ☐ Newspaper ads

5 ☐ Friends or relatives

6 ☐ Other - Specify _____

b. When did you start working at this job or business?

_____ or (if 1966) _____

(Year)

(Month)

E. CURRENT LABOR FORCE STATUS - Continued

CHECK ITEM I

- 1 ☐ Respondent is in Labor Force Group A (WK in 37, or "Yes" in 38a or 39a) and entry in 43b is before October 1965 - Ask 44a
 2 ☐ Respondent is in Labor Force Group A and entry in 43b is October 1965 or later - SKIP to 44c
 x ☐ All others - SKIP to Section F

44a. Have you ever done any other kind of work for (name of employer in 42a)?

- 1 ☐ Yes - Ask b 2 ☐ No - SKIP to g

b. What kind of work were you doing a year ago at this time?

(SKIP to g)

c. Were you working a year ago at this time?

- 1 ☐ Yes - Ask d x ☐ No - SKIP to Section F

d. For whom did you work then?

e. What kind of business was this?

f. What kind of work were you doing?

g. Would you say that the work you are doing now requires more skill than the work you were doing a year ago? ...

- 1 ☐ More 2 ☐ Less 3 ☐ The same amount

h. Would you say that you have more responsibility in the work you are doing now than in the work you were doing a year ago?

- 1 ☐ More 2 ☐ Less 3 ☐ The same amount

(SKIP to Section F)

45a. Do you intend to look for work of any kind in the next 12 months?

- 1 ☐ Yes - definitely } Ask 45b
 2 ☐ Yes - probably }
 3 ☐ Maybe, it depends on - What? (SKIP to 46)
 4 ☐ No }
 5 ☐ Don't know } SKIP to 46

b. When do you intend to start looking for work?

Month

c. What kind of work do you think you will look for?

d. What will you do to find work?

- 0 ☐ Check with school employment service (or counselor)
 1 ☐ Check with public employment agency
 2 ☐ Check with private employment agency
 3 ☐ Check directly with employer
 4 ☐ Place or answer newspaper ads
 5 ☐ Check with friends or relatives
 6 ☐ Other - Specify

46. Why would you say that you are not looking for work at this time?

- 1 ☐ School
 2 ☐ Personal, family
 3 ☐ Health reasons
 4 ☐ Waiting to be called into military service
 5 ☐ Believes no work available
 6 ☐ Does not want to work at this time of year
 7 ☐ Other or no reason

47a. If you were offered a job by some employer in THIS AREA, do you think you would take it?

- 1 ☐ Yes
 2 ☐ It depends - On what?
 3 ☐ No - Why not? (SKIP to Check item J)

b. How many hours per week would you be willing to work?

- 1 ☐ 1-4 4 ☐ 25-34 7 ☐ 49 or more
 2 ☐ 5-14 5 ☐ 35-40
 3 ☐ 15-24 6 ☐ 41-48

c. What kind of work would it have to be?

d. What would the wage or salary have to be?

\$ per

- 1 ☐ Respondent has never worked (Q. 40f or 41a) - SKIP to Section H, page 17
 2 ☐ Other - Go back and complete 42a-43b for most recent job

F. ATTITUDES TOWARD WORK

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1. Respondent is:

x ☐ Enrolled in school this year (Q. 1) -
SKIP to Section G, page 15

1 ☐ Not enrolled in school - Go to part 2

2. Respondent is in:

1 ☐ Labor Force Group A ("WK" in 37, or "Yes" in 38a, or 39a) - Ask 48

2 ☐ Labor Force Group B ("LK" in 37 or "Yes" in 40a) - SKIP to 57a

x ☐ All others - SKIP to Section G, page 15

How do you feel about the job you have now?

Do you -

1 ☐ like it very much?

2 ☐ like it fairly well?

3 ☐ dislike it somewhat?

4 ☐ dislike it very much?

What are the things you like best about your job?
(Try to obtain THREE things)

1.

2.

3.

What are the things about your job
that you don't like so well?
(Try to obtain THREE things)

1.

2.

3.

Suppose someone IN THIS AREA offered you a
job in the same line of work you're in now. What
would the wage or salary have to be for you to be
willing to take it?

\$ _____ per _____

o ☐ I wouldn't take it at
any conceivable pay

Respondent's comments

What if this job were in SOME OTHER PART OF
THE COUNTRY. What would the wage or salary
have to be for you to be willing to take it?

\$ _____ per _____

o ☐ I wouldn't take it at
any conceivable pay

Respondent's comments

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x ☐ "O" checked in 42c - SKIP to Section G, page 15

1 ☐ Other - Ask 52

If for some reason you were permanently
to lose YOUR PRESENT JOB TOMORROW,
what would you do?

1 ☐ Return to school; get training - Ask 53a-c

2 ☐ Take another job I know about - Ask 54a

3 ☐ Go into business - Ask 55a

4 ☐ Look for work - Ask 56a

5 ☐ Enter Armed Forces - SKIP to Section G, page 15

6 ☐ Other - Specify _____

(SKIP to Section G, page 15)

What kind of courses or training would you take?

Where would you enroll for such schooling?

How would you finance this schooling?

(SKIP to Section G)

F. ATTITUDES TOWARD WORK - Continued

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54a. For whom would you work?

44a.

b. What kind of business or industry would this be?

b.

c. What kind of work do you think you would be doing?

c.

d. In what city (or county) and State would this job be located?

City or county

State

(SKIP to Section G)

d.

55a What kind of business?

e.

b. In what city (or county) and State would it be located?

City or county

State

(SKIP to Section G)

f.

56a What kind of work would you look for?

g.

h.

b. How would you go about looking for this kind of work?

- 0 ☐ Check with school employment service (or college)
- 1 ☐ Check with public employment agency
- 2 ☐ Check with private employment agency
- 3 ☐ Check directly with employer
- 4 ☐ Place or answer newspaper ads
- 5 ☐ Check with friends and relatives
- 6 ☐ Other - Specify _____

45a. |

b. |

c. Are there any particular companies in this area where you would apply? (List names)

c. |

x ☐ None - SKIP to Section G

Number of _____

d. |

d. Why do you mention these particular companies?

(SKIP to Section G)

FOR UNEMPLOYED RESPONDENTS (Labor Force Group B in Check Item K)

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57a. What type of work are you looking for?

b. What would the wage or salary have to be for you to take it?

\$ _____ per _____

c. As far as you are concerned, are there any restrictions on where the job should be located?

1 ☐ Yes - Ask d 2 ☐ No - SKIP to Section G

47a. |
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d. What are these restrictions?

b. H

c. W

d. W

While answering Section F was another person present?

☐ Yes

☐ No - Go to Section G

Would you say this person influenced the respondent's answers?

☐ Yes

☐ No

NOTES

G. PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

| | |
|--|--|
| <p>In how many different weeks did you work either full- or part-time in the last 12 months, (not counting work around the house)? Count any week where you did any work at all. (Include paid vacations and paid sick leave.)</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> None — Skip to 61a</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weeks _____</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 49 or more 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-14 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-40 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-24 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 41-48</p> |
| <p>During the weeks that you worked in the last 12 months, how many hours per week did you usually work?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> 52 weeks in 58a — Ask 59a 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-51 weeks in 58a — SKIP to 59b</p> |
| <p>Did you lose any full weeks of work in the last 12 months because you were on layoff from a job or lost a job?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — How many weeks? _____ (Adjust item 58a and skip to 60) x <input type="checkbox"/> No — SKIP to 63</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — How many weeks? _____ 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No — SKIP to 62</p> |
| <p>You say you worked (entry in 58a) weeks in the last 12 months. In any of the remaining (52 weeks minus entry in 58a) weeks were you looking for work or on layoff from a job?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, 1 } 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No, 2 } SKIP to 61c 3 <input type="checkbox"/> No, 3+ }</p> |
| <p>Were all of these weeks in one stretch?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Ask b 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No — SKIP to Check Item N</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Weeks _____</p> <p>0 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked with school employment service (or counselor) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked with public employment agency 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked with private employment agency 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked directly with employer 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Placed or answered newspaper ads 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked with friends and relatives 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other — Specify _____</p> |
| <p>Even though you did not work in the last 12 months, did you spend any time trying to find work or on layoff from a job?</p> <p>How many different weeks were you looking for work or on layoff from a job?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Ask b 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No — SKIP to Check Item N</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Weeks _____</p> <p>0 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked with school employment service (or counselor) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked with public employment agency 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked with private employment agency 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked directly with employer 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Placed or answered newspaper ads 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked with friends and relatives 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other — Specify _____</p> |
| <p>What did you do to try to find work?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Didn't want to work 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Ill or disabled and unable to work 3 <input type="checkbox"/> In school 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Couldn't find work 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Other — Specify _____</p> |
| <p>Now let me see. During the last 12 months there were about (52 weeks minus entries in items 58a, 59a, 59b, or 61b) weeks that you were not working or looking for work. What would you say was the main reason that you were not looking for work during these weeks?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Didn't want to work 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Ill or disabled and unable to work 3 <input type="checkbox"/> In school 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Couldn't find work 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Other — Specify _____</p> |
| <p>(If "O" in 42e) Did you work for anyone (else) for wages or salary in the past 12 months?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Ask b 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No — SKIP to 65a</p> |
| <p>In the last 12 months, for how many different employers did you work?</p> | <p>Number of employers _____ 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Did not work in last 12 months</p> |
| <p>During your last full year in high school, did you hold a full- or part-time job that lasted two weeks or more?</p> | <p>x <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent never attended a full year of high school — SKIP to Check Item O 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No — SKIP to Check Item O</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> |
| <p>For whom did you work?</p> | <p>_____</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> |
| <p>What kind of work did you do? (Specify kind of work).</p> | <p>0 <input type="checkbox"/> Job is same as job reported in 42a — Ask k-l only</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> |
| <p>What kind of business or industry is that?</p> | <p>_____</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> |
| <p>Where is (was) this job located?</p> | <p>City _____ State _____</p> |

G. PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE - Continued

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65f. How did you find this job?

- ☐ 0 School employment service (or counselor)
- ☐ 1 Public employment agency
- ☐ 2 Private employment agency
- ☐ 3 Employer
- ☐ 4 Newspaper ads
- ☐ 5 Relatives or friends
- ☐ 6 Other - Specify _____

g. When did you START working at this job?

Year _____

h. How many hours per week did you usually work?

- ☐ 1 1-4 4 ☐ 25-34 7 ☐ 39-48
- ☐ 2 5-14 5 ☐ 35-40
- ☐ 3 15-24 6 ☐ 41-48

i. When did you STOP working at this job?

Year _____

j. Why did you leave this job?

k. Do you feel that this job interfered with your school work in any way?

- ☐ 1 Yes - Ask l 2 ☐ No - SKIP to Check

l. How did it interfere?

- ☐ 1 Not enough time for school work
- ☐ 2 Late hours
- ☐ 3 Other - Specify _____

CHECK
ITEM O

- ☒ Respondent is enrolled in school this year (Q. 1) - SKIP to Section II
- ☐ Respondent is not enrolled in school this year - Ask 66a

Let's look back now to when you stopped going to school full time. I'd like to know about the first job at which you worked at least a month.

66a. For whom did you work then?

b. What kind of business or industry was that?

Job is same as:

- ☐ Job reported in 42a } Ask f-g only
- ☐ Job reported in 65b }

c. Where was that job located?

City or county _____ State _____

d. How did you find this job?

- ☐ 0 School employment service (or counselor)
- ☐ 1 Public employment agency
- ☐ 2 Private employment agency
- ☐ 3 Employer
- ☐ 4 Newspaper ads
- ☐ 5 Relatives or friends
- ☐ 6 Other - Specify _____

e. When did you START working at that job?

Month _____ Year _____

f. What kind of work were you doing WHEN YOU STARTED TO WORK THERE?

g. What kind of work were you doing JUST BEFORE YOU LEFT THIS JOB?

h. When did you STOP working at that job?

Month _____ Year _____

i. Why did you leave that job?

NOTES

H. KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD OF WORK

Like your opinion about the kind of work that men in certain jobs usually do. For each occupation on this card (*Show heard 1*) there are three descriptions of job duties. Will you please tell me which description you think best fits each. Be sure to read all of the possible answers before you decide.

HOSPITAL ORDERLY

- 1 ☐ Helps to take care of hospital patients
- 2 ☐ Orders food and other supplies for hospital kitchens
- 3 ☐ Works at hospital desk where patients check in
- 4 ☐ Don't know — *SKIP to B-1*

MACHINIST

- 1 ☐ Makes adjustments on automobile, airplane, and tractor engines
- 2 ☐ Repairs electrical equipment
- 3 ☐ Sets up and operates metal lathes, shapers, grinders, buffers, etc.
- 4 ☐ Don't know — *SKIP to C-1*

ACETYLENE WELDER

- 1 ☐ Builds wooden crates to hold tanks of acetylene gas
- 2 ☐ Uses a gas torch to cut metal or join pieces of metal together
- 3 ☐ Operates a machine that stitches the soles to the upper parts of shoes
- 4 ☐ Don't know — *SKIP to D-1*

STATIONARY ENGINEER

- 1 ☐ Works at a desk, making drawings and solving engineering problems
- 2 ☐ Drives a locomotive that moves cars around in a freight yard
- 3 ☐ Operates and maintains such equipment as steam boilers and generators
- 4 ☐ Don't know — *SKIP to E-1*

STATISTICAL CLERK

- 1 ☐ Makes calculations with an adding machine or a calculator
- 2 ☐ Sells various kinds of office machines and office supplies
- 3 ☐ Collects tickets at sports events and other types of entertainment
- 4 ☐ Don't know — *SKIP to F-1*

FORK LIFT OPERATOR

- 1 ☐ Operates a machine that makes a certain kind of agricultural tool
- 2 ☐ Operates a freight elevator in a warehouse or factory
- 3 ☐ Drives an electrical or gas powered machine to move material in a warehouse or factory
- 4 ☐ Don't know — *SKIP to G-1*

ECONOMIST

- 1 ☐ Prepares menus in a hospital, hotel, or other such establishment
- 2 ☐ Does research on such matters as general business conditions, unemployment, etc.
- 3 ☐ Assists a chemist in developing chemical formulas
- 4 ☐ Don't know — *SKIP to H-1*

A-2. How much regular schooling do you think hospital orderlies usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

B-2. How much regular schooling do you think machinists usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

C-2. How much regular schooling do you think acetylene welders usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

D-2. How much regular schooling do you think stationary engineers usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

E-2. How much regular schooling do you think statistical clerks usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

F-2. How much regular schooling do you think fork lift operators usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

G-2. How much regular schooling do you think economists usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school dip
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
2 ☐ A high school diploma
3 ☐ Some college
4 ☐ College degree
5 ☐ Don't know

1-1. DRAFTSMAN

- 1 ☐ Makes scale drawings of products or equipment for engineering or manufacturing purposes
- 2 ☐ Mixes and serves drinks in a bar or tavern
- 3 ☐ Pushes or pulls a cart in a factory or warehouse
- 4 ☐ Don't know - SKIP to I-1

1-2. How much regular schooling do you & your
draftsmen usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
2 ☐ A high school diploma
3 ☐ Some college
4 ☐ College degree
5 ☐ Don't know

J-1. SOCIAL WORKER

- 1 ☐ Works for a welfare agency and helps people with various types of problems they may have
- 2 ☐ Conducts research on life in primitive societies
- 3 ☐ Writes newspaper stories on marriages, engagements, births, and similar events
- 4 ☐ Don't know - *SKIP to 68*

J-2. How much regular schooling do you and social workers usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
2 ☐ A high school diploma
3 ☐ Some college
4 ☐ College degree
5 ☐ Don't know

68. What would you say is more important to YOU in deciding what kind of work you want to go into, good wages or liking the work?

- 1 ☐ Liking it 2 ☐ Good wages

Now I'd like your opinion on whether people in certain occupations earn more, on the average, than people in other occupations. By average, we mean the average of all men in this occupation in the entire United States.

69. Who do you think earns more in a year; a man who is:

- a. 1 ☐ An automobile mechanic } o ☐ Don't know
or
2 ☐ An electrician? }
- b. 1 ☐ A medical doctor } o ☐ Don't know
or
2 ☐ A lawyer? }
- c. 1 ☐ An aeronautical engineer } o ☐ Don't know
or
2 ☐ A medical doctor? }
- d. 1 ☐ A truck driver } o ☐ Don't know
or
2 ☐ A grocery store clerk? }
- e. 1 ☐ An unskilled laborer in a steel mill . . . } o ☐ Don't know
or
2 ☐ An unskilled laborer in a shoe factory? . . }
- f. 1 ☐ A lawyer } o ☐ Don't know
or
2 ☐ A high school teacher? }
- g. 1 ☐ A high school teacher } o ☐ Don't know
or
2 ☐ A janitor? }
- h. 1 ☐ A janitor } o ☐ Don't know
or
2 ☐ A policeman? }

While answering Section H was another person present?

- ☒ Yes ☐ No - Go to Section I

Would you say this person influenced the respondent's answers?

- ☐
- Yes
- ☐
- No

I. FUTURE JOB PLANS

| | |
|---|--|
| would like to talk to you about your future plans. What kind of work would you like to do when you are 30 years old? | <input type="checkbox"/> Same as present job <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| Do you think you would like this type of work? | <input type="checkbox"/> Like, enjoy, or interested in it, find it satisfying <input type="checkbox"/> Feel work is important <input type="checkbox"/> Ability or talent in it <input type="checkbox"/> Economic characteristics (pay, hours, security, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____ |
| Do you think your chances are of actually getting into this type of work? | Are they - <input type="checkbox"/> excellent } SKIP to 74 <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair } Ask 73 <input type="checkbox"/> poor |
| Do you think the chances are not so good? | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor grades <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of education <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of experience <input type="checkbox"/> May change his mind (not sure) <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____ |
| Can't be a (type of work given in 70), what type of work do you think you will be doing at age 30? | |
| While answering Section I was another person present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Go to Section J Would you say this person influenced the respondent's answers? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

J. HEALTH

| | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent is currently in school (Q. 1) - Ask 75 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent is currently not in school - SKIP to 76 | |
| Do you have any health problems that limit the way your activity in school? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - SKIP to 78a <input type="checkbox"/> No - Ask 76 |
| Do you have any health problems that limit the way the amount or kind of work you can do? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - SKIP to 78a <input type="checkbox"/> No - Ask 77 |
| Do you have any health problems that limit the way all your other activities? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask 78a <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 79a |
| How many years in any of 75-77) have you been limited in this way? | Years _____ |
| In what way are you limited? | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent not married - SKIP to Section K | |
| Does your wife's health limit the amount or the way she can do? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - SKIP to 80a <input type="checkbox"/> No - Ask b |
| Does your wife's health limit the amount or the way she can do housework? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask 80a <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to Section K |
| How many years in 79a or b) has she been limited in this way? | Years _____ |
| In what way is she limited? | _____ |

K. ASSETS

| | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent is NOT head of household - SKIP to 83a <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent is head of household - Ask 81a | |
| In the last 12 months, did you (or your wife) receive financial assistance from any of your relatives? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask b-c <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to Check Item R |
| From whom? | _____ |
| How much did you receive? | \$ _____ |

82a. Is this house (apartment) owned or being bought by you (or your wife)? ☐ Yes ☒ No — SKIP to 83a

b. About how much do you think this property would sell for on today's market? \$ _____

c. About how much do you (or your wife) owe on this property for mortgages, back taxes, home improvement loans, etc.? \$ _____ ☐ None

83a. Do you (or your wife) have any money in savings or checking accounts, savings and loan companies, or credit unions? ☐ Yes — How much altogether? \$ _____
☐ No — Go to b

b. Do you (or your wife) have any —
 (1) U.S. Savings Bonds? ☐ Yes — What is their face value? \$ _____
☐ No — Go to (2)
 (2) Stocks, bonds, or mutual funds? ☐ Yes — About how much is their market value? \$ _____
☐ No — Go to 84a

84a. Do YOU (or your wife) rent, own, or have an investment in a farm, business, or any other real estate? ☐ Yes — Ask b-d ☐ No — SKIP to 85a

b. Which one? ☐ Farm ☐ Business ☐ Real estate

c. About how much do you think this (business, farm, or other real estate) would sell for on today's market? \$ _____

d. What is the total amount of debt and other liabilities on this (business, farm, or other real estate)? \$ _____ ☐ None

85a. Do you (or your wife) own an automobile? ☐ Yes — Ask b-c ☐ No — SKIP to 86

b. What is the make and model year? (If more than one, ask about newest)
 Model year _____ Make _____

c. Do you owe any money on this automobile? ☐ Yes — How much altogether? \$ _____
☐ No

86. Do you (or your wife) owe any (other) money to stores, banks, doctors, or anyone else, excluding 30-day charge accounts? ☐ Yes — How much? \$ _____
☐ No

L. INCOME

Now I would like to ask a few questions about your income in the last 12 months.

| | RESPONDENT | WIFE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not married |
|--|--|--|
| 87a. How much did you (and your wife) receive from wages, salary, commissions, or tips from all jobs, before deductions for taxes or anything else? | \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> None | \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| b. Did you (and your wife) receive any income from working on your own or in your own business or farm? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — How much? \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — How much? \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| \$ _____ less \$ _____ = _____ (Gross Income) (Expenses) | | |
| c. Did you (or your wife) receive any unemployment compensation? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (1) How many weeks? _____ (2) How much? \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (1) How many weeks? _____ (2) How much? \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| d. Did you (or your wife) receive any other income, such as rental income, interest or dividends, income as a result of disability or illness, etc.? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — How much? \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — How much? \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No |

CHECK ITEM 5 ☒ Respondent (and wife) lives alone — SKIP to 88b
☐ All others — Ask 88a (If two or more RELATED respondents in household, ask 88a-b only once, and transcribe answers from the first to the other questionnaires.)

L. INCOME - Continued

In the past 12 months, what was the total income of all family members living here? (Show Flashcard 2).

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Under \$1,000 (A) | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 6,000-\$ 7,499 (G) |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000-\$1,999 (B) | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 7,500- 9,999 (H) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2,000- 2,999 (C) | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,000- 14,999 (I) |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 3,000- 3,999 (D) | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 15,000- 24,999 (J) |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 4,000- 4,999 (E) | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 25,000 and over (K) |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 5,000- 5,999 (F) | |

Did anyone in this family receive any welfare or public assistance in the last 12 months?

- 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No

K ☒ Respondent lives with parents - *SKIP to Section M*
T ☐ Respondent does not live with parents - *Ask 89a*

How many persons, not counting yourself (or your spouse), are dependent upon you for at least one-half of their support?

0 ☐ None - *SKIP to Section M*

Where do any of these dependents live somewhere other than here at home with you?

- 1 ☐ Yes - Who are they? _____
 2 ☐ No _____

While answering Sections K and L, was another person present?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No - *Go to Section M*

Would you say this person influenced the respondent's answers?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

M. FAMILY BACKGROUND

Where were you born?

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. | City _____ |
| | County _____ |
| | State _____ |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Outside U.S. | Country _____ |

How long have you been living in this area (city or county of CURRENT residence)?

- 1 ☐ Less than 1 year
 2 ☐ 1 year or more - *Specify* _____
 3 ☐ All my life - *SKIP to 94*

Where did you live before moving to (name of city or county of CURRENT residence)?

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. | City _____ |
| | County _____ |
| | State _____ |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Outside U.S. | Country _____ |

0 ☐ Respondent is 18 or less

Where did you live when you were 18?

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. | City _____ |
| | County _____ |
| | State _____ |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Outside U.S. | Country _____ |

How would you like to ask about your parents.

Are your mother and father living?

- 1 ☐ BOTH parents alive
 2 ☐ MOTHER alive, Father dead
 3 ☐ FATHER alive, Mother dead
 4 ☐ NEITHER parent alive

| | |
|---|--|
| 95. What about your wife's parents? Are her mother and father living? | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH alive <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER alive, Father dead <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER alive, Mother dead <input type="checkbox"/> NEITHER parent alive |
| 96. Where were your parents born - in the U.S. or some other country? | a. Father 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other—Specify _____ b. Mother 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other—Specify _____ |
| 97. In what country were your grandparents born? | a. Father's father 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other—Specify _____ b. Father's mother 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other—Specify _____ c. Mother's father 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other—Specify _____ d. Mother's mother 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other—Specify _____ |
| 98. Which of the categories on this card describes where you were living when you were 14 years old? . . . (Show Flashcard 3) | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> On a farm or ranch 2 <input type="checkbox"/> In the country, not on farm or ranch 3 <input type="checkbox"/> In a town or small city (under 25,000) 4 <input type="checkbox"/> In the suburb of a large city 5 <input type="checkbox"/> In a city of 25,000-100,000 6 <input type="checkbox"/> In a large city (100,000 or more) |
| 99. With whom were you living when you were 14 years old? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Father and mother 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Father and step-mother 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Mother and step-father 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Father 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Mother 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Some other adult MALE relative (Specify) _____ 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Some other adult FEMALE relative (Specify) _____ 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Some other arrangement Describe _____ 9 <input type="checkbox"/> On my own — SKIP to 101a |
| 100. What kind of work was your father (or the head of the household) doing when you were 14 years old? | Occupation _____ |
| 101a. Did you or your parents (or person mentioned in 99) regularly get any magazines when you were about 14 years old? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| b. Did you or your parents (or person mentioned in 99) regularly get a newspaper when you were about 14 years old? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c. Did you or your parents have a library card when you were about 14 years old? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| CHECK ITEM U | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Father lives in household 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Father deceased 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Did not live with father when 14 years old (Q. 99) <input type="checkbox"/> Other — Ask 102a |
| } SKIP to Check Item V | |
| 102a. During the past 12 months, in about how many weeks did your father work either full time or part time (not counting work around the house)? | Weeks _____ 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Did not work } SKIP to 103a 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| b. Did your father usually work full time or part time? . . . | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Full time 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Part time |
| c. What kind of work was he doing? (If more than one, record the one worked at longest.) | |

M. FAMILY BACKGROUND - Continued

| | |
|--|---|
| What was the highest grade (or year) of regular school your father ever attended? | (1) Elementary . . . <input type="checkbox"/> ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> ² <input type="checkbox"/> ³ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁴ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁵ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁶ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁷ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁸ (2) High school . . <input type="checkbox"/> ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> ² <input type="checkbox"/> ³ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁴ (3) College <input type="checkbox"/> ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> ² <input type="checkbox"/> ³ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁴ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁵ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁶⁺ |
| Did he finish this grade (or year)? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Mother lives in household 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Mother deceased 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Did not live with mother when 14 years old (Q. 99) <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Ask 104a | } SKIP to 106a |
| Did your mother work at all during the last 12 months? | |
| How many weeks did she work? | Weeks _____ |
| Did your mother usually work full time or part time? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Full time 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Part time |
| What kind of work was she doing? (If more than one, record the one worked at longest.) | |
| What was the highest grade (or year) of regular school your mother ever attended? | (1) Elementary . . . <input type="checkbox"/> ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> ² <input type="checkbox"/> ³ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁴ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁵ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁶ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁷ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁸ (2) High school . . <input type="checkbox"/> ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> ² <input type="checkbox"/> ³ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁴ (3) College <input type="checkbox"/> ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> ² <input type="checkbox"/> ³ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁴ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁵ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁶⁺ |
| Did she finish this grade (or year)? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do you have any brothers or sisters who live somewhere else? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 108 |
| How many? | _____ |
| Who is the oldest (living) one? | Age _____ |
| What was the highest grade (or year) of regular school he (she) ever attended? | (1) Elementary . . . <input type="checkbox"/> ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> ² <input type="checkbox"/> ³ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁴ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁵ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁶ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁷ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁸ (2) High school . . <input type="checkbox"/> ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> ² <input type="checkbox"/> ³ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁴ (3) College <input type="checkbox"/> ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> ² <input type="checkbox"/> ³ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁴ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁵ <input type="checkbox"/> ⁶⁺ |
| Did he (she) finish this grade (or year)? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| What is your Social Security number? | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Does not have one |

Now I have a few questions about the education and work experience of the other family members living here.

| Line No. | NAMES List below all persons living here who are related to respondent. Enter the line number from the Household Record Card. | AGE | RELATIONSHIP TO RESPONDENT (Example: wife, son, daughter-in-law, brother, etc.) | Persons 6-24 years old | | | Persons 25 years old and over | | | Persons 14 years old and over | | |
|----------|---|-----|--|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | Is . . . attending or enrolled in school? Circle Y - Yes N - No | If "Yes," What grade (year)? | Did finish this grade (year)? | What is the highest grade (year) of regular school . . . has ever attended? | Did finish this grade (year)? | During the past 12 months, how many weeks did . . . work either full or part time (not counting work around the house)? | In the weeks that . . . worked, how many hours did . . . usually work per week? | What kind of work doing? (If more than one, the longest.) | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 109 | 110 | 111 | 112 | 113 | 114 | 115 | 116 | 117 | 118 | 119 | 120 | |
| | | | Respondent | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | Y N | | | | |

(Ask at the completion of the interview. If more than one respondent in the household, ask for each.)

121. We would like to contact you again next year at this time to bring this information up to date. Would you please give me the name, address, and telephone number of two relatives or friends who will always know where you can be reached even if you move away?

| | Name | Relationship to respondent | Address | Telephone |
|----|------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1. | | | | |
| 2. | | | | |

☐ Respondent is not attending high school (Q. 2)

Respondent is attending high school and -

☐ signed release☐ did not sign release - Specify _____CHECK
ITEM #

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PREFACE

This volume is a brief progress report on a longitudinal study of educational and labor market experience of young men. In early 1965, Center for Human Resource Research, under a contract with the United States Department of Labor, began the planning of longitudinal studies of the labor market experience of four subsets of the United States population: men 45 to 59 years of age, women 30 to 44 years of age, young men and women 14 to 24 years of age.

Cost considerations dictated limiting the population covered; even that constraint, these four groups were selected for study because they face special labor market problems that are challenging to policy makers. In the case of the older male group these problems are reflected in a tendency for unemployment, when it occurs, to be of longer-than-average duration and in the fact that average annual incomes of males decline continuously with advancing age beyond the mid-forties. In the case of the younger of the two groups of women the special problems are those associated with reentry into the labor force on the part of a great many married women after their children no longer require their continuous presence at home. For the young men and women, of course, the problems are those revolving around the process of occupational choice and include both the preparation for work and the frequently difficult period of accommodation in the labor market when formal schooling has been completed.

While the more-or-less unique problems of each of the subject groups to some extent dictate separate orientations for the four studies, there nevertheless, a general conceptual framework and a general set of objectives common to all of them. Each of the four studies views the experience and behavior of individuals in the labor market as resulting from an interaction between the characteristics of the environment and a variety of demographic, economic, social, and attitudinal characteristics of the individual. Each study seeks to identify those characteristics that appear to be most important in explaining variations in several important facets of labor market experience: labor force participation, employment experience, and various types of labor mobility. Knowledge of this kind may be expected to make an important contribution to our understanding of the way in which labor markets operate and thus to be useful for the development and implementation of appropriate labor market policies.

For each of the four population groups described above, a national probability sample of the noninstitutional civilian population has been drawn by the Bureau of the Census. Members of each sample are being surveyed periodically for five years. According to present plans, the next round of interviews will occur in 1971 for the two male groups, in

1972 for the older group of women, and in early 1973 for the younger group of women. Reports on the first survey of the young men (Career Thresholds, Volume I, 1969), the first and second surveys of the older men (The Pre-Retirement Years, Volumes I and II, 1968 and 1970), and the first survey of the older of the two groups of women (Dual Careers, Volume I, 1970) have already been published. A report on the first survey of the young girls is expected to be available by the end of this year.

The present report, the second in the series on the young men, summarizes some of the findings of the second round of interviews with that cohort that were conducted in the autumn of 1967. Based exclusively on tabular data, its primary purpose is to describe the magnitude and patterns of change that occurred in the educational and labor market status of the youth during the 12-month period between the first and second surveys. More intensive analyses of the data will be made at a later date, but the unique nature of some of the data already available has argued for its immediate publication.

Both the overall study and the present report are the product of the joint effort of a great many persons, not all of whom are even known to us. The research staff of the Center has enjoyed the continuous expert and friendly collaboration of personnel of the Bureau of the Census, which, under a separate contract with the Department of Labor, is responsible for developing the samples, conducting all of the interviews, processing the data, and preparing the tabulations we have requested.

We are especially indebted to Daniel Levine, Chief of the Demographic Surveys Division for his cooperation and advice; and to Marie Argana, Chief of the Longitudinal Surveys Branch, who has been intimately involved in and has made substantial contributions to the project from its inception. We wish also to acknowledge our indebtedness to Rex Pullin and his staff of the Field Division, who were responsible for the collection of the data; to David Lipscomb and his staff of the Systems Division for editing and coding the interview schedules; and to Robert Bartram, Richard Bartlett, Robert Goodson, and their associates for the computer work.

The advice and counsel of many persons in the Department of Labor have been very helpful to us both in designing the study and in interpreting its findings. Without in any way implicating them in whatever deficiencies may exist in this report, we wish to acknowledge especially the continuous interest and support of Howard Rosen, Director of the Office of Research and Development and the valuable advice provided by Stuart Garfinkle and Jacob Schiffman, who, as our principal contacts in the Office of Research and Development, have worked closely with us from the outset.

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CHANGES IN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STATUS

INTRODUCTION

How much change occurs during the course of a year in the educational labor market status of young men? To what extent do they leave or return to school, move into or out of employment, change jobs, and modify their educational goals? How do the youths who make these changes differ from those who do not? This report is addressed to questions such as these.

In the autumn of 1966, interviews were conducted with a national probability sample of about 5,000 young men in the civilian, institutional population who were then between 14 and 24 years of age--the initial stage of a five-year longitudinal study of the cohort.¹ The results of that survey, designed to set the stage for the longitudinal analysis to follow, have been reported in the first volume of this series.² A second round of interviews with the same young men was carried out 18 months after the first--in the fall of 1967. Of the 5,234 members of the sample interviewed in 1966, only 433 (8.4 percent) were not reinterviewed in 1967. The attrition was this high only because of a decision to forego interviewing men entering the armed services until a time as they return to civilian life. Actually the noninterview was attributable to refusals and inability to locate respondents was only 3.1 percent of the original sample. The extent to which these losses varied according to certain economic and social characteristics of the respondents in the original sample is shown in Appendix Table A-1.

The present document, based on the first and second interviews, is intended simply as a progress report on the longitudinal study. Its purpose is to describe the magnitude and the patterns of change that have occurred during the one-year period in the school activities, plans, and the labor market status of members of the sample and in certain other characteristics that have an important effect on these extensions of behavior.

* This chapter was written by Jack A. Meyer.

1 For a description of the sample design, see Appendix C.

2 Herbert S. Parnes, Robert C. Miljus, Ruth S. Spitz, and Associates, Career Thresholds: A Longitudinal Study of the Educational and Labor Market Experience of Male Youth 14 to 24 Years of Age, Vol. I (Columbus: Ohio State University, Center for Human Resource Research, 1969). This volume henceforth will be referred to as Career Thresholds, Vol. I.

The remainder of this chapter deals with various movements into and out of the formal school system and between levels of that system (e.g., high school to college) and examines several important correlates of school enrollment in the two years. Chapter 2 describes the changes in labor force and employment status between the two surveys and explores in particular their relation to changes in school enrollment and marital status. Chapter 3 continues the analysis of mobility with an examination of movement among employers, occupations, and geographic areas. Chapter 4 considers changes that occurred between 1966 and 1967 in the educational aspirations of high school students and relates these to several variables which generally are believed to condition school achievement goals. Finally, Chapter 5 summarizes the major findings and discusses possible policy implications.

II COMPARATIVE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STATUS

For a variety of reasons--including public concern for ways of reducing poverty and youth unemployment--understanding why some youngsters stay in school while others do not is an important topic for inquiry.

Conceptual Framework

School attendance is affected by a wide variety of factors which often interact with each other in complex ways. While this interaction impedes identification of clear causal relationships, it is still useful to specify the variables which are expected to have independent effects on dropping out of and returning to school. Past research and a priori reasoning suggest that school enrollment is affected by the following factors: a young man's socioeconomic background and the income of his family; his expectations, aspirations, and abilities; the nature of the educational environment available to him; and the availability of attractive alternative uses of time, such as gainful employment.³

It should be expected that educational attainment is positively related to socioeconomic status, to educational goals, expectations and abilities, and to the quality of educational services available. However, it is somewhat less clear what relationship to expect between year-to-year changes in educational attainment and alternative uses of time. Does an abundance of remunerative employment opportunities lure young people out of school? Or, do such opportunities make possible part-time, weekend, and vacation work and thus enable lower-class youths

³ Although not available in time for the analysis reported here, a special 1968 school survey has generated intelligence and achievement test scores for the respondents and estimates of the quality of the high schools they attended. These data will be used in a forthcoming special report and in later regular reports.

o otherwise might drop out to remain in school?⁴ Over the course of the longitudinal study, we hope to provide answers to questions such as these. In the remainder of this section we examine the magnitude of dropping out of and returning to school along with several important correlates of such change.

School Dropout and Retention Rates

Considering only those who remained in the sample from one year to the next, high school dropout rates for white and black⁵ youngsters in the one-year period were 5 and 7 percent, respectively.⁶ In absolute terms, this amounts to about 303,000 white and 66,000 black high school dropouts. These numbers would almost certainly have been larger, and the difference between white and black youth wider, had we been able to interview in 1967 all of the respondents who were interviewed in 1966.⁷

4 Empirical evidence supports the former hypothesis; see William Bowen and T. Aldrich Finegan, The Economics of Labor Force Participation (Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1969), pp. 445-51.

5 At the expense of some accuracy, we are using the term "black" throughout this report to refer to the group now referred to in U. S. Government reports as "Negro and other races." In official data on the United States labor force, this category includes such groups as Americans, Chinese, and Japanese, as well as Negroes. However, since Negroes constitute over 90 percent of the total category, their characteristics are, in a sense, and large, the characteristics of the total; and it is generally understood that data on "Negro and other races" are descriptive of Negroes, but not, for example, of Chinese-Americans. Our data are classified into the two color groups in the same way as the official data, but the interpretations that could in any case be drawn are made more explicit by referring in tables, as well as in the text, to all those who are not Caucasian as "blacks."

6 These rates, unadjusted for attrition from the sample, are based on the number of young men in grades 9 through 12 at the time of the first survey.

7 The dropout rates presented here doubtless underestimate the rates that would emerge if we had interviewed everyone in 1967. Of the high school students who left the sample, 14 percent of the whites and 24 percent of the blacks were enrolled in grades 9 to 11 in 1966 and left the sample by virtue of joining the armed services. With rare exceptions, these men must have dropped out of high school. There is reason to believe that young men who were unavailable to be reinterviewed had a higher dropout rate from high school than those who were reinterviewed. However, assuming that those who were enrolled in grades 9 to 11 in 1966 and joined the armed services dropped out of high school, and that those who were unavailable for reinterview dropped out at the same rate as those who were interviewed in 1967, the high school dropout rates for whites and blacks become 5.7 percent and 8.5 percent, respectively. For the same reason, attrition biases our estimates of other dropout and matriculation rates. However, since the attrition rates are small, these biases are not great.

In part the higher dropout rates of black youth are attributable to differences between blacks and whites in socioeconomic status, a matter that will be discussed more fully below. An additional explanation, however, is that black youth tend to be older than white youth for a given grade in school, and dropout rates are positively correlated with age.⁸

Several other patterns of change in school enrollment are worth describing, yet it should be kept in mind that the exclusion from the data of those who entered the armed forces between the two survey dates results in an understatement of national dropout rates and an overstatement of retention rates. Considering only those twelfth graders in 1966 who were reinterviewed in 1967, 64 percent of the whites but only 38 percent of the blacks were enrolled in school at the time of the second survey. While a few were repeating the twelfth grade, the vast majority of these men were in college.

At the same time, of young men enrolled in college in 1966 and interviewed in both years, 15 percent of the whites (424 thousand) and 12 percent of the blacks (20 thousand) left college without receiving a bachelor's or higher degree.⁹ However, about two-thirds of the young men who dropped out of college between the two surveys expect to return to college in the future. Roughly three-fourths of these say they will do so either this year or next, while one-fourth report indefinite plans.

Of those young men interviewed in both years who were not enrolled in school in 1966, about 5 percent of the whites (approximately one quarter of a million) and 3 percent of the blacks (about 23,000) were in school at the time of the 1967 survey. One-fourth of the whites returned to high school and three-fourths entered college, while about three-tenths of the blacks returned to high school and seven-tenths entered college. In both color groups, approximately one in ten of those who returned to school were college graduates pursuing graduate work.¹⁰

8 See Parnes, et al., Career Thresholds, Vol. I, p. 22.

9 While we do not know the exact number, undoubtedly some of these young men left college upon completion of less-than-baccalaureate programs.

10 Since most of the returnees entered college, it is hardly surprising to find that about three-fifths of them were 21 to 25 years old in 1967. One-fifth were 19 to 20 years of age, while the remaining fifth were 15 to 18 years of age.

ates of Dropping out of, Staying in, and Returning to School

Dropping out of high school As expected, high school dropouts¹¹ to come from families of lower socioeconomic status than the families ose who remain in school (Table 1.1).¹² While we do not know at time what the independent effects of each factor may be, it is clear dropping out of school is associated with low family income, being d in broken homes, having a father with less than a high school ma, possessing meager information about occupations¹³ (at least for s), and having poor access to newspapers, magazines, and libraries.¹⁴

Controlling for these variables has a considerable effect on the color difference in dropout rates (Table 1.1). Specifically, in ies with incomes less than \$6,000, a larger proportion of blacks of whites remained in school, while the opposite is true of young

11 Because of the way in which the data were tabulated, "dropouts" efined differently here than in the previous section in which total school dropout rates were calculated. Specifically, in this section, uts do not include youth who were in the twelfth grade in 1966 but eft school without graduating. On the other hand, the data include 11 number of young men who were enrolled in grades six through eight 66 and dropped out of school.

12 The research on the relationship between socioeconomic status eaving school before graduation typically has produced this conclusion. for example, the following: Forrest A. Bogan and Vera C. Perrella, of School Youth, February 1963, " Monthly Labor Review (November 1964), 260-68; Robert E. Herriott, Charles B. Nam, and A. Lewis Rhodes, "School tion by Race, Religion, and Socioeconomic Status," The Journal of Human rces (Spring, 1968), pp. 171-90; and Lucius F. Cervantes, The Dropout: s and Cures (Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press, 1965).

13 The occupational information test used to measure knowledge of orld of work consists of three components: (1) describing the duties occupations; (2) knowing the amount of educational attainment typically ved by men in these occupations; and (3) comparing average annual ngs for each of eight pairs of occupations. A composite score, based l three components, was computed for each respondent and has a range of 56. Respondents were classified into three categories: low (0-20), m (21-37), and high (38-56). Composite scores are used in this report.

14 The variable which we have labeled "exposure to reading ials at age 14" identifies whether the family of the respondent, he was 14 years old, had a library card and received newspapers r magazines in the home.

Table 1.1 Proportion Enrolled in School in 1967, by Selected Characteristics:
Respondents Enrolled in Grades 6 through 11 in 1966

| Characteristic | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | Total number enrolled in 1966 (thousands) | Percent enrolled in 1967 | Total number enrolled in 1966 (thousands) | Percent enrolled in 1967 |
| <u>Highest year of school completed by father(a)</u> | | | | |
| 11 years or less | 1,631 | 91 | 290 | 91 |
| 12 years or more | 1,989 | 98 | 104 | 94 |
| Total or average | 3,691 | 95 | 436 | 92 |
| <u>Exposure to reading materials at age 14</u> | | | | |
| Had newspapers, magazines, library card | 2,689 | 96 | 205 | 96 |
| Lacked any 1 | 1,015 | 92 | 181 | 93 |
| Lacked any 2 or 3 | 471 | 85 | 315 | 86 |
| Total or average | 4,182 | 94 | 703 | 91 |
| <u>Living arrangement at age 14</u> | | | | |
| Father and mother | 3,538 | 95 | 414 | 92 |
| Mother only | 282 | 86 | 162 | 86 |
| Other | 345 | 88 | 127 | 90 |
| Total or average | 4,182 | 94 | 703 | 91 |
| <u>Occupational information score</u> | | | | |
| Low | 1,450 | 91 | 473 | 89 |
| Medium | 1,992 | 95 | 197 | 94 |
| High | 740 | 95 | 32 | 88 |
| Total or average | 4,182 | 94 | 703 | 91 |
| <u>1966 family income(b)</u> | | | | |
| Less than \$3,000 | 230 | 83 | 212 | 90 |
| \$3,000-\$5,999 | 694 | 91 | 246 | 92 |
| \$6,000 or more | 3,038 | 96 | 204 | 93 |
| Total or average | 3,960 | 94 | 661 | 92 |

(a) Includes only respondents living with father during survey week and/or at age 14.

(b) Includes only respondents living with family members other than wife.

NOTE: For general notes on interpretation of tables see Appendix A.

men in families with higher incomes. Of course, the median family income of whites in the category "\$6,000 or more" is undoubtedly much higher than it is for blacks. Hence, this latter difference is attributable, at least in part, to the crudeness of the income categories. This same classification problem interferes with interpretation of the relationship between the probability of remaining in high school and father's education. Black men with fathers in the category of 11 or fewer years of education are probably less well educated than their white counterparts. Therefore, it is especially noteworthy that the same proportion (91 percent) of both white and black youth with fathers in that educational attainment category remained in school between 1966 and 1967. Thus, the higher overall rate of dropout among black youngsters is in large measure attributable to their poorer position in the socioeconomic hierarchy. Controlling for various measures of socioeconomic status, black youth frequently are at least as likely as their white counterparts to remain in high school.

Transition from high school to college At the end of 12 years of schooling there is a sharp break in retention within the formal system of education. Of the young men interviewed in both years who were high school seniors in 1966, only 64 percent of the whites and 38 percent of the blacks were in school at the time of the second interview (Table 1.2).¹⁵ Furthermore, the systematic relationship between movement to college and various measures of family background, income, and knowledge is much stronger in this instance than in the case of dropping out of high school. While the number of sample cases is often too small to permit confident estimates for youth in certain categories, transition from high school to college bears a strong positive correlation to father's education, exposure to reading materials at age 14, occupational information score, and (at least in the case of whites) family income. As stated previously, there is considerable intercorrelation among these variables; we shall be interested in exploring at some future time whether occupational information and access in the home to reading material have independent influences on going on to college.

Finally, it is clear that the intercolor difference in the probability of going to college is far greater than the difference in the probability of remaining in high school. What is more important, whereas the latter difference, as has been noted, is frequently eliminated or even reversed when socioeconomic status is controlled, this is by no means true of the black-white difference in the rate of movement from high school to college. While the overall difference tends to be somewhat reduced within socioeconomic categories, it remains true that in every category of Table 1.2 in which there are sufficient sample cases for reliable estimates, far smaller proportions of blacks than of whites moved from high school to college.

¹⁵ While a small proportion may have been repeating their senior year, most were in their first year of college in 1967. Although not precise, we refer to these proportions as transition rates from high school to college. The "true" rates would be smaller for the reason just given and because of temporary attrition from the sample of men who entered military service between 1966 and 1967.

Table 1.2

Proportion Enrolled in College^(a) in 1967, by Selected Characteristics:
 Respondents Enrolled in Grade 12 in 1966

| Characteristic | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | Total number enrolled in 1966 (thousands) | Percent enrolled in 1967 | Total number enrolled in 1966 (thousands) | Percent enrolled in 1967 |
| <u>Highest year of school completed by father^(b)</u> | | | | |
| 11 years or less | 465 | 44 | 59 | 32 |
| 12 years or more | 557 | 79 | 20 | 60 |
| Total or average | 1,051 | 63 | 86 | 38 |
| <u>Exposure to reading materials at age 14</u> | | | | |
| Had newspapers, magazines, library card | 832 | 71 | 50 | 50 |
| Lacked any 1 | 302 | 49 | 40 | 38 |
| Lacked any 2 or 3 | 45 | 40 | 46 | 24 |
| Total or average | 1,177 | 64 | 138 | 38 |
| <u>Living arrangement at age 14</u> | | | | |
| Father and mother | 1,057 | 64 | 82 | 40 |
| Mother only | 53 | 77 | 31 | 45 |
| Other | 63 | 62 | 24 | 21 |
| Total or average | 1,177 | 64 | 138 | 38 |
| <u>Occupational information score</u> | | | | |
| Low | 137 | 53 | 50 | 12 |
| Medium | 586 | 61 | 58 | 47 |
| High | 454 | 72 | 28 | 64 |
| Total or average | 1,177 | 64 | 138 | 38 |
| <u>1966 family income^(c)</u> | | | | |
| Less than \$3,000 | 39 | 31 | 33 | 15 |
| \$3,000-5,999 | 152 | 44 | 56 | 57 |
| \$6,000 or more | 867 | 70 | 35 | 37 |
| Total or average | 1,060 | 65 | 124 | 40 |

(a) Includes a small number of students repeating their senior year of high school.

(b) Includes only respondents living with father in survey week and/or at age 14.

(c) Includes only respondents living with family members other than wife.

The likelihood of a youth's going to college might be expected to be influenced by the possibility of his attending one without incurring expense of living away from home. We hypothesized, therefore, that rates of transition from high school to college would be higher among young men residing in counties (or SMSA's) containing colleges (Table 1.3). In the case of white youth there may indeed be such a relationship. Of those living in a college community 66 percent of the 1966 high school seniors went on to college in 1967, compared with 62 percent of the youth who did not live in such close proximity to college. This difference, however, is not very large and may very well not be statistically significant. Moreover, there has been no control for several variables such as family income, which we have reason to believe are intercorrelated with proximity to college. In the case of black youth, the number of cases residing in areas that do not contain colleges is too small for a reliable analysis.

Table 1.3 Proportion Enrolled in College in 1967,^(a) by Presence of College^(b) in County or SMSA and Color: Respondents Enrolled in Grade 12 in 1966

| Presence of college in 1967 in local labor market | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| | Total number enrolled in 1966 (thousands) | Percent enrolled in 1967 | Total number enrolled in 1966 (thousands) | Percent enrolled in 1967 |
| Absent | 875 | 66 | 119 | 36 |
| Present | 279 | 62 | 16 | 50 |
| Total or average | 1,177 | 64 | 138 | 38 |

) Includes a small number of students repeating senior year of high school.

) Includes two-year as well as four-year colleges.

Returning to school With respect to the characteristics of those who returned to school in 1967, once again most measures of socioeconomic status confirm the expectation that returnees tend to come from families with higher socioeconomic status than the families of those who remained nonstudents (Table 1.4).

Compared to the nonstudents, those who returned to school were more likely to have fathers who completed 12 or more years of school, to have been living with both parents at age 14, to have had magazines, newspapers,

Table 1.4

Proportion Enrolled in School in 1967, by Selected Characteristics: Not Enrolled in School in 1966

| Characteristic | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | Total number enrolled in 1967 (thousands) | Percent enrolled in 1967 | Total number enrolled in 1966 (thousands) | Percent enrolled in 1966 |
| <u>Highest year of school completed by father (a)</u> | | | | |
| 11 years or less | 2,407 | 4 | 4,400 | 18 |
| 12 years or more | 1,903 | 3 | 4,400 | 18 |
| Total or average | 4,310 | 6 | 8,800 | 18 |
| <u>Exposure to reading materials at age 14</u> | | | | |
| Had newspapers, magazines, library card | 2,901 | 6 | 2,901 | 6 |
| Lacked any 1 | 1,403 | 3 | 1,403 | 3 |
| Lacked any 2 or 3 | 807 | 2 | 807 | 2 |
| Total or average | 5,111 | 5 | 5,111 | 5 |
| <u>Living arrangement at age 14</u> | | | | |
| Father and mother | 1,903 | 4 | 1,903 | 4 |
| Mother only | 1,403 | 3 | 1,403 | 3 |
| Other | 1,004 | 2 | 1,004 | 2 |
| Total or average | 4,310 | 9 | 4,310 | 9 |
| <u>Occupational information score</u> | | | | |
| Low | 2,407 | 5 | 2,407 | 5 |
| Medium | 1,903 | 3 | 1,903 | 3 |
| High | 1,004 | 2 | 1,004 | 2 |
| Total or average | 5,314 | 5 | 5,314 | 5 |
| <u>1966 family income (b)</u> | | | | |
| Less than \$6,000 | 301 | 1 | 301 | 1 |
| \$6,000-9,999 | 1,403 | 3 | 1,403 | 3 |
| \$10,000 or more | 2,407 | 5 | 2,407 | 5 |
| Total or average | 4,111 | 9 | 4,111 | 9 |

(a) Includes only respondents living with father during summer week ending at age

(b) Includes only respondents living with family (excludes other than wife).

library cards in their homes at age 14, to be relatively knowledgeable of the world of work, and to belong to families with high income in (whites only). Once again, proportionately more out-of-school white black men 14 to 24 years of age in 1966 returned to school--5 percent.

SUMMARY

While almost a tenth of the youth in the 1966 sample were not interviewed in 1967 (8.2 and 10.0 percent of the whites and blacks, respectively), the principal reason was entry into the armed services. 3.1 percent of the respondents (2.8 percent of the whites and 5.3 percent of the blacks) were not interviewed because of their refusal to be interviewed or their inability to be located. Thus, the most serious resulting from failure to reinterview in the second year is related to the entrance of youngsters in their late teens to the military services. Finally, school dropout rates reported on the basis of 1966 and 1967 are understated, and transition probabilities from high school to college undoubtedly are overstated. These biases, however, are not systematic.

Of young men in grades 9 through 12 in 1966 who were reinterviewed a year later and who had not completed high school, 5 percent of the whites and 7 percent of the blacks had dropped out of school. The higher dropout rate for blacks was not unexpected. For one thing, a larger proportion of blacks than whites are over age for their grade level in school and age is positively correlated with leaving school. Moreover, a much larger proportion of blacks than whites are members of low-income families, lower down on the ladder of socioeconomic status, and socioeconomic status has a strong inverse relation with dropout rates. It is noteworthy that when controls are introduced for socioeconomic status there are no racial categories in which blacks were no more likely than whites (and, in some cases slightly less likely) to drop out of school.

Differences by color are much more striking when considering the transition from high school to college. The proportion of white youth who moved from twelfth grade in 1966 to college in 1967 was about two-thirds, compared with only about two-fifths of the black youth. However, the relationship between entrance to college and the several measures of socioeconomic status is more pronounced than in the case of dropping out of high school. Finally, unlike the situation in the case of high school dropout rates, intercolor differences in transition rates from high school to college remain pronounced even when socioeconomic status is controlled.

The numbers of youth who returned to school between the first and second surveys were relatively small--5 percent of the whites and 3 percent of the blacks. Not only is this intercolor difference consistent with that found in the case of dropout and high school-to-college transition rates, but the measures of socioeconomic status tend to be related to this variable in the same way as to the others.

CHAPTER TWO

CHANGES IN LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

INTRODUCTION

The persistence of high rates of unemployment among youth, particularly teenagers, has generated great concern with problems of adjustment of youngsters to the labor market. The longitudinal design of this study permits a careful analysis of this adjustment process, a preliminary stage of which is covered in the present chapter. Based on data provided in the first and second interviews, the chapter describes changes that occurred in the labor force participation and unemployment experiences of our cohort of young men between 1966 and 1967. Not only did the young men "age" a year, but there were concomitant changes for them in school enrollment and in marital status. Moreover, some changes in overall labor market conditions occurred during the period.

We begin the analysis in the next section with a description of the gross change in labor market status experienced by the young men in the sample between the first two interviews. This is compared with cross-sectional data yielded by the Current Population Survey for the two points in time in order to assess the extent to which the observed longitudinal changes might have resulted from changes in the economic climate between the two survey dates. In the following two sections, the impact on labor market status of changes in school enrollment status and marital status is examined.

Before turning to an analysis of the data a word or two should be said about the measures of labor force participation and unemployment used in this chapter. In addition to conventional labor force participation and unemployment rates in the survey week, we use the age (mean) number of weeks in the labor force and average number of weeks unemployed during the 12-month period preceding each survey. The mean number of weeks in the labor force for a given group of individuals is conceptually analogous to their labor force participation in a given week, the same relationship does not exist between mean number of weeks unemployed and the unemployment rate, since the unemployment rate uses as its base only those persons in the labor force, the mean number of weeks of unemployment is calculated on the basis of all respondents. From some points of view, it is more appropriate to use the proportion of weeks in the labor force were spent in unemployment. This measure is included in some of the tables. Finally, in the first section of the chapter we have shown a fourth measure of unemployment: the percentage unemployed in 1967 per individual who experienced one or more weeks of unemployment in that year. This measure of average duration provides insight into the character of the unemployment experienced.

Substantial increases in intensity of labor market activity occurred among the young men between the dates of the first two surveys. The longitudinal data reveal that participation rates for whites and blacks were respectively 5.6 and 7.2 percentage points higher in 1967 than in 1966 (Table 2.1). All three age categories experienced increases, but the most dramatic shift occurred among youngsters who were 15 to 18 years old in 1967. Among whites, the average number of weeks in the labor force during the 12-month period preceding the 1967 interview was 3.2 weeks greater than the average reported the year before. For blacks, the means for the two years reflect an increase in the second year of nearly one month (3.6 weeks).

Variation in the measures of unemployment is not nearly so consistent as the pattern of change in participation rates and mean weeks in the labor force. Among whites, survey week unemployment rates (7.0 percent in both years) and mean weeks unemployed (2.5 in 1966 and 2.6 in 1967) demonstrate relative stability in unemployment experience for the total cohort, but there were important differences across age categories. In the face of a 2.7 percentage point decline in the rate between 1966 and 1967 for youth 19 to 20 years of age, slight increases took place in the youngest and oldest age groups. On the other hand, while the survey week rate increased between the interview dates for the group most susceptible to unemployment--that is, youngsters 15 to 18 years old--there was a sharp decline in the percentage of weeks in the labor force that were spent in unemployment--14.5 percent of weeks in the 12 months prior to the 1966 interview, compared to 7.8 percent in the following 12 months. The reason for this substantial difference between the behavior of the current unemployment rate and the rate over the 12-month period is not clear.

In the case of black youth in the sample, with the exception of those 19 to 20 years old, survey week unemployment rates increased between 1966 and 1967 (Table 2.1). Black youngsters 15 to 18 years of age experienced a change similar to that experienced by their white counterparts. That is, while the survey week rate rose, the proportion of weeks in the labor force spent in unemployment dropped significantly, from 20.4 percent in 1966 to 11.9 percent in 1967. Blacks in the two older age categories apparently experienced somewhat more unemployment relative to whites in the second year than in the first--at least this is indicated by year-to-year variation in the survey week unemployment rate, in mean weeks unemployed, and in the average number of weeks unemployed for those who experienced some unemployment.

The increase in labor supply and the change in unemployment experience over the one-year period, although substantial, are certainly not surprising. The results of several demographic surveys, including

Table 2.1 Selected Measures of Labor Force Participation and Unemployment in 1966 and 1967, by Age in 1967 and Color: Respondents 15 to 25 Years of Age

| Measure of labor force participation and unemployment | WHITES | | | | BLACKS | | | |
|---|--------|-------|-------|------------------|--------|-------|-------|------------------|
| | 15-18 | 19-20 | 21-25 | Total or average | 15-18 | 19-20 | 21-25 | Total or average |
| Total number (thousands) | 5,907 | 2,320 | 4,666 | 12,893 | 939 | 257 | 641 | 1,837 |
| <u>Labor force participation</u> | | | | | | | | |
| 1966 participation rate | 50.0 | 72.2 | 88.7 | 68.0 | 50.7 | 73.1 | 92.2 | 68.3 |
| 1967 participation rate | 58.5 | 73.8 | 92.5 | 73.6 | 59.9 | 81.0 | 96.2 | 75.5 |
| Change in rate (1967 minus 1966) | +8.5 | +1.6 | +3.8 | +5.6 | +9.2 | +7.9 | +4.0 | +7.2 |
| 1966 mean weeks in labor force | 23.4 | 35.2 | 44.3 | 33.1 | 20.6 | 36.1 | 43.4 | 30.7 |
| 1967 mean weeks in labor force | 26.8 | 36.6 | 45.5 | 36.3 | 24.4 | 38.0 | 47.4 | 34.3 |
| Change in mean weeks (1967 minus 1966) | +3.4 | +1.4 | +1.2 | +3.2 | +3.8 | +1.9 | +4.0 | +3.6 |
| <u>Unemployment</u> | | | | | | | | |
| 1966 unemployment rate | 13.4 | 7.6 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 19.5 | 11.3 | 3.1 | 9.1 |
| 1967 unemployment rate | 13.8 | 4.9 | 2.2 | 7.0 | 22.9 | 11.3 | 4.9 | 13.1 |
| Change in rate (1967 minus 1966) | +0.4 | -2.7 | +0.2 | 0.0 | +3.4 | 0.0 | +1.8 | +4.0 |
| 1966 mean weeks unemployed | 3.4 | 3.4 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 2.9 |
| 1967 mean weeks unemployed | 2.1 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 2.0 | 2.8 |
| Change in mean weeks (1967 minus 1966) | -1.3 | -2.0 | +0.1 | +0.1 | -1.3 | +1.8 | +1.0 | -0.1 |
| 1966 weeks unemployed as percent of weeks in labor force | 14.5 | 9.7 | 2.5 | 7.6 | 20.4 | 6.9 | 2.3 | 9.4 |
| 1967 weeks unemployed as percent of weeks in labor force | 7.8 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 7.2 | 11.9 | 11.3 | 4.2 | 8.2 |
| Change in percent (1967 minus 1966) | -6.7 | -5.9 | +0.1 | -0.4 | -8.5 | +4.4 | +1.9 | -1.2 |
| 1967 weeks unemployment per individual with some unemployment | 9.8 | 6.4 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 9.6 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 9.1 |

the initial survey of this same sample of young men,¹ firmly establish that age is strongly associated with labor force participation and unemployment among young men in their teens and early twenties. The patterns of change that have been observed between the two survey dates provide a clear manifestation of an "age effect," whether it be the result of leaving school, becoming eligible for additional jobs under child labor laws, or acquiring additional knowledge, experience, and maturity. For example, the observation that 15 to 18 year old boys experienced the largest increases in participation rates is consistent with the finding that in 1966 the rate at which participation rates increased with age was greatest among boys 14 to 17 years old. In 1966, the difference in participation rates between 14 to 15 and 16 to 17 year old boys was larger than the difference between any other consecutive age categories (Table 2.2). In addition, the longitudinal observation that 19 to 20 year old men experienced the largest decrease (or smallest increase) in unemployment rates is consistent with the cross-sectional data in Table 2.2 which show that in 1966 the continuous decline of unemployment rates with age was most precipitous between the groups 18 to 19 and 20 to 21 years of age.

Table 2.2 Labor Force Participation and Unemployment Rates in 1966, by Age in 1966: Respondents 14-24 Years of Age in 1966 Survey

| Age in 1966 | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate | Total number in labor force in 1966 (thousands) | Unemployment rate in 1966 |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 14-15 | 3,697 | 42 | 1,560 | 15.6 |
| 16-17 | 3,584 | 61 | 2,198 | 13.1 |
| 18-19 | 3,054 | 74 | 2,253 | 8.6 |
| 20-21 | 2,301 | 82 | 1,894 | 3.2 |
| 22-24 | 3,451 | 93 | 3,201 | 1.6 |
| Total or average | 16,087 | 69 | 11,107 | 7.5 |

Change in Labor Market Conditions, 1966-1967

However, before attributing the observed changes in labor market between 1966 and 1967 primarily to an "aging" of the sample by or necessary to inquire to what extent they may merely reflect economic conditions between the two years. Since interviews were conducted in October and November of each year, it is possible

pare the experiences of respondents in the National Longitudinal surveys (LGS) at two points in time with cross-sectional data on highly comparable age groups collected as part of the Current Population Survey (CPS). An examination of the results of the CPS surveys for October 1966 and October 1967 reveals that among both blacks and whites participation rates and unemployment rates were lower in the latter year (Table 2.3). However, the data also show substantial differences in the pattern of change between students and nonstudents. While the participation rates of students increased, those of nonstudents decreased; and increases in unemployment rates were greater among students than nonstudents. The data also show that increases in unemployment were particularly noticeable among blacks.

In any case, the CPS data indicate that the impact of changes in labor market conditions on participation can account for only a small fraction of the total longitudinal change. For whites, CPS rates increased by 0.8 percentage points while the observed longitudinal increase was 5.6 percentage points. Among blacks the increases were 1.5 and 7.2 percentage points, respectively. Among the youngest cohort in each sample the difference between longitudinal change and that collected by the CPS was even more substantial (Appendix Table A-2). For whites 15 to 18 years old the observed longitudinal change was 5.6 percentage points whereas the CPS rate for white youth 14 to 17 years old increased by only about 1 percentage point. Among blacks in these age categories the longitudinal increase amounted to 9.2 percentage points whereas the CPS change was 3 points.

The almost universal increases in unemployment evidenced by the data imply that if unemployment decreases as a result of aging the labor force, the effect of this phenomenon may not be apparent in the longitudinal data. The fact is that the longitudinal data are more likely to show increases in unemployment or to show increases of a much smaller magnitude than the CPS data reflect. We conclude, therefore, that changes in labor market status measured by the longitudinal study between the 1966 and 1967 surveys are not likely in any substantial degree to be simply a reflection of changes in the economic climate between the two dates. Rather, they reflect changes in the characteristics of the respondents that affect their employment prospects.²

2 In the first report, Career Thresholds, Vol. I, Appendix E, 229-41, it was shown that estimates of labor force participation and unemployment rates derived from LGS differed substantially from CPS estimates. Somewhat different questions and probes, definitions, and timing were implicated in the 1966 discrepancy. On the other hand, by October 1967, the CPS definitions had been modified and were identical to those used in the LGS, and possible "first interview" bias presumably no longer existed or should have been considerably reduced (Ibid., 231 and n.4). Thus, it is of more than passing interest to note that many of the same CPS-LGS differences by age and color in 1966 continued to hold in 1967 (Appendix Table A-3). While there are slight age differences and while attrition from the LGS may have biased the estimates somewhat, there is now stronger evidence that labor force participation rates from the two sources are related to first-hand versus second-hand responses. In the CPS, one family member (usually the housewife) generally answers for everyone; in the LGS, each respondent answers for himself.

Table 2.3 Labor Force Participation Rate and Unemployment Rate According to Current Population Survey of Men 14 to 24 Years of Age in the Civilian Noninstitutional Population, by School Enrollment Status and Color, October 1966 and October 1967

| Statistic | Enrolled in school | | | Not enrolled in school | | | Total or average | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | October 1966 | October 1967 | 1967 minus 1966 | October 1966 | October 1967 | 1967 minus 1966 | October 1966 | October 1967 | 1967 minus 1966 |
| WHITES | | | | | | | | | |
| Population (thousands) | 9,118 | 9,224 | -- | 4,907 | 5,020 | -- | 14,025 | 14,244 | -- |
| Labor force participation rate | 33.0 | 34.6 | +1.6 | 94.3 | 93.2 | -1.1 | 54.5 | 55.3 | 0.8 |
| Unemployment rate | 6.4 | 9.3 | +2.9 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 0.5 | 5.4 | 6.9 | +1.5 |
| NEGRO AND OTHER RACES | | | | | | | | | |
| Population (thousands) | 1,160 | 1,247 | -- | 874 | 869 | -- | 2,034 | 2,116 | -- |
| Labor force participation rate | 22.8 | 28.1 | +5.3 | 90.3 | 89.1 | -1.2 | 51.8 | 53.2 | +1.4 |
| Unemployment rate | 15.2 | 27.9 | +12.7 | 7.9 | 11.6 | +3.7 | 9.7 | 16.7 | +7.0 |

(a) Source: Appendix Table A-2.

Comparative School Enrollment Status

Since school attendance absorbs both time and energy, changes in school enrollment status should have a major bearing on labor force participation. The longitudinal data support this expectation. The largest increases in survey week participation rates occurred among both white and black youth who left school between the two surveys (Table 2.4). Moreover, with the exception of those who were 15 to 18 years of age in 1967 and of blacks who were 19 to 20 years old, youngsters who left school experienced the greatest increase in mean weeks in the labor force during the 12 months preceding each survey. These exceptions, incidentally, are important, for they manifest an apparent "age effect" on participation separate from the influence of school enrollment. Indeed, the fact that with rare exceptions participation rates and average weeks in the labor force rose for all categories of the total cohort between 1966 and 1967 suggests that duration itself makes a difference in the gainful activities of male youth.

While substantially increased participation in the labor force is to be expected when young men leave school, it is not clear whether to expect an accompanying increase or decrease in unemployment. On the one hand, the youth who is no longer in school generally has fewer constraints on his availability for work. Moreover, tight labor market conditions induce some youngsters to leave school. On the other hand, employment problems are frequently encountered by those just entering the labor force. The data indicate that the influence of the latter phenomenon on overall unemployment is outweighed by other factors (Table 2.5). In every instance where there are sufficient sample cases to warrant a reasonably confident inference, leaving school between the surveys is associated with a substantial decline in unemployment. To illustrate, among boys 15 to 18 years old in 1967, survey week unemployment rates declined between 1966 and 1967 from 24.1 to 11.8 percent for blacks and from 12.5 to 7.1 percent for whites. Thus, however severe the problems in the transition from school to work, it is interesting that the likelihood of finding a job for those who want it is greater once the youth has left school than while he is still enrolled.

It is interesting to inquire whether there is any relationship between a high school student's employment experience and his prospects for employment upon leaving school. By classifying the respondents who left school between the two surveys according to their labor force status in 1966, it is possible to shed some light on this question. Looking only at the school leavers who were nonmarried in both years, the longitudinal data indicate quite dramatically the importance of earlier labor force experience (Table 2.6). Of the white youngsters 15 to 18 years of age who were outside the labor force in 1966 fully 16.6 percent were unemployed at the time of the second survey, in contrast with only 3.1 percent of those who were in the labor force at the time of the first interview when they were still students. Among blacks the same age were somewhat higher than among whites, but basically the same relationship is evident.

| Age in 1967 and comparative school enrollment 1966 and 1967 | Total number (thousands) | Survey week participation rate | | | Mean weeks in labor force | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------------|------|-----------------|
| | | 1966 | 1967 | 1967 minus 1966 | 1966 | 1967 | 1967 minus 1966 |
| WHITES | | | | | | | |
| 15 to 18 years | | | | | | | |
| In school both years | 4,840 | 44.9 | 52.3 | +7.4 | 21.7 | 24.2 | +2.5 |
| In school 1966, out 1967 | 618 | 63.4 | 87.0 | +23.6 | 29.7 | 35.7 | +6.0 |
| Out of school both years | 404 | 86.1 | 87.6 | +1.5 | 33.3 | 43.3 | +10.0 |
| Total or average ^(a) | 5,903 | 49.9 | 58.6 | +8.7 | 23.5 | 26.8 | +3.3 |
| 19 to 20 years | | | | | | | |
| In school both years | 1,125 | 54.3 | 56.2 | +1.9 | 28.8 | 28.8 | 0.0 |
| In school 1966, out 1967 | 261 | 70.5 | 87.7 | +17.2 | 35.2 | 39.3 | +4.1 |
| Out of school both years | 882 | 93.6 | 92.5 | -1.1 | 42.9 | 45.4 | +2.5 |
| Total or average ^(a) | 2,321 | 72.2 | 73.8 | +1.6 | 35.2 | 36.6 | +1.4 |
| 21 to 25 years | | | | | | | |
| In school both years | 828 | 58.3 | 65.7 | +7.4 | 32.9 | 31.1 | -1.8 |
| In school 1966, out 1967 | 420 | 70.5 | 98.0 | +27.5 | 36.8 | 39.8 | +3.0 |
| Out of school both years | 3,256 | 98.3 | 98.6 | +0.3 | 48.1 | 49.7 | +1.6 |
| Total or average ^(a) | 4,661 | 88.8 | 92.5 | +3.7 | 44.3 | 45.5 | +1.2 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | |
| 15 to 18 years | | | | | | | |
| In school both years | 696 | 42.4 | 50.1 | +7.7 | 18.6 | 21.0 | +2.4 |
| In school 1966, out 1967 | 130 | 63.8 | 84.6 | +20.8 | 24.4 | 29.3 | +4.9 |
| Out of school both years | 103 | 85.4 | 89.3 | +3.9 | 27.6 | 40.7 | +13.1 |
| Total or average ^(a) | 940 | 50.7 | 59.8 | +9.1 | 20.6 | 24.4 | +3.8 |
| 19 to 20 years | | | | | | | |
| In school both years | 69 | 37.7 | 44.9 | +7.2 | 19.3 | 22.7 | +3.4 |
| In school 1966, out 1967 | 22 | 52.2 | 100.0 | +47.8 | 31.6 | 32.2 | +0.6 |
| Out of school both years | 162 | 91.4 | 96.3 | +4.9 | 43.7 | 45.7 | +2.0 |
| Total or average ^(a) | 257 | 73.1 | 81.0 | +7.9 | 36.1 | 38.0 | +1.9 |
| 21 to 25 years | | | | | | | |
| In school both years | 65 | 76.6 | 89.1 | +12.5 | 33.2 | 39.5 | +6.3 |
| In school 1966, out 1967 | 24 | 54.2 | 100.0 | +45.8 | 28.4 | 36.5 | +8.1 |
| Out of school both years | 541 | 95.4 | 97.1 | +1.7 | 45.5 | 48.8 | +3.3 |
| Total or average ^(a) | 639 | 92.2 | 96.2 | +4.0 | 43.4 | 47.4 | +4.0 |

(a) Includes respondents enrolled in 1967 but not in 1966 not shown separately.

Table 2.5

Selected Measures of Unemployment Experience, 1966 and 1967, by Age in 1967,
Comparative School Enrollment Status 1966 and 1967, and Color Respondents
15 to 25 Years of Age

| Age in 1967 and comparative school enrollment, 1966 and 1967 | Total number in labor force, survey week (thousands) | | Survey week unemployment rate | | | Weeks unemployed as percent of weeks in labor force | | |
|--|--|-------|----------------------------------|------|--------------------|--|------|--------------------|
| | 1966 | 1967 | 1966 | 1967 | 1967 minus 1966 | 1966 | 1967 | 1967 minus 1966 |
| WHITES | | | | | | | | |
| 15 to 18 years | | | | | | | | |
| In school both years | 2,172 | 2,530 | 14.0 | 16.2 | +2.2 | 15.7 | 7.9 | -7.8 |
| In school 1966, out 1967 | 392 | 538 | 12.5 | 7.1 | -5.4 | 12.8 | 7.3 | -5.5 |
| Out of school both years | 348 | 354 | 8.9 | 8.8 | -0.1 | 6.9 | 7.6 | -1.7 |
| Total or average (a) | 2,911 | 3,456 | 13.4 | 13.8 | +0.4 | 14.5 | 7.8 | -7.7 |
| 19 to 20 years | | | | | | | | |
| In school both years | 611 | 632 | 14.2 | 10.1 | -4.1 | 14.6 | 3.8 | -10.8 |
| In school 1966, out 1967 | 184 | 229 | 6.0 | 2.6 | -3.4 | 8.2 | 3.8 | -4.4 |
| Out of school both years | 626 | 816 | 3.5 | 1.1 | -2.4 | 5.4 | 4.0 | -1.4 |
| Total or average (a) | 1,675 | 1,714 | 7.6 | 4.9 | -2.7 | 9.7 | 3.8 | -5.9 |
| 21 to 25 years | | | | | | | | |
| In school both years | 482 | 545 | 3.1 | 4.5 | +1.4 | 7.6 | 2.6 | -5.0 |
| In school 1966, out 1967 | 296 | 411 | 5.5 | 6.6 | +1.1 | 4.6 | 3.3 | -1.3 |
| Out of school both years | 3,204 | 3,208 | 1.6 | 1.2 | -0.4 | 1.2 | 2.4 | +1.2 |
| Total or average (a) | 4,137 | 4,311 | 2.0 | 2.2 | +0.2 | 2.5 | 2.6 | +0.1 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | | |
| 15 to 18 years | | | | | | | | |
| In school both years | 295 | 349 | 19.3 | 15.7 | -3.6 | 23.1 | 11.4 | -11.7 |
| In school 1966, out 1967 | 83 | 110 | 24.1 | 11.8 | -12.3 | 21.7 | 11.6 | -10.1 |
| Out of school both years | 88 | 92 | 15.9 | 16.3 | +0.4 | 10.5 | 14.3 | +3.8 |
| Total or average (a) | 476 | 562 | 19.5 | 22.9 | +3.4 | 20.4 | 11.9 | -8.5 |
| 19 to 20 years | | | | | | | | |
| In school both years | 26 | 31 | 23.1 | 16.1 | -7.0 | 10.4 | 12.8 | +2.4 |
| In school 1966, out 1967 | 12 | 21 | 16.7 | 14.3 | -2.4 | 19.0 | 8.1 | -10.9 |
| Out of school both years | 148 | 151 | 9.4 | 10.6 | +1.2 | 4.3 | 11.6 | +7.3 |
| Total or average (a) | 188 | 210 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 0.0 | 6.9 | 11.3 | +4.4 |
| 21 to 25 years | | | | | | | | |
| In school both years | 49 | 57 | 0.0 | 1.8 | +1.8 | 7.2 | 6.1 | -1.1 |
| In school 1966, out 1967 | 13 | 24 | 18.2 | 12.5 | -5.7 | 0.0 | 7.1 | +7.1 |
| Out of school both years | 519 | 546 | 3.0 | 4.8 | +1.8 | 2.0 | 3.9 | +1.9 |
| Total or average (a) | 590 | 616 | 3.1 | 4.9 | +1.8 | 2.3 | 4.2 | +1.9 |

a) Totals include respondents enrolled in 1967 but not in 1966 not shown separately.

| 1966 labor force status | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate, 1967 | Unemployment rate, 1967 |
|--|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| In labor force Out of labor force Total or average | WHITES | | |
| | 357 | 88.9 | 3.1 |
| | 218 | 81.3 | 15.6 |
| | 575 | 86.0 | 7.5 |
| | BLACKS | | |
| | 81 | 92.0 | 8.8 |
| Out of labor force Total of average | 46 | 71.4 | 18.5 |
| | 127 | 84.5 | 11.8 |

Comparative Marital Status³

There is good a priori reason to believe that changes in marital status may be systematically associated with changes in the extent of labor force participation and unemployment. Cross-sectional data suggest that controlling for school enrollment and age, the chances of a married man being in the labor force are substantially greater than for a single man.⁴ Marriage and attendant responsibilities may place financial and other pressures on a young man who otherwise might be inclined not to participate in the labor market. Moreover, the decision to marry may itself be influenced by the security of a job and of a steady source of income.

³ Unless otherwise noted, the term "married" refers to respondents who are married with wife present. "Nonmarried" refers to respondents who are never married, divorced, separated, widowed, and married, wife absent.

⁴ Bowen and Finegan, The Economics of Labor Force Participation, pp. 392-93, 412-13; Parnes, et al., Career Thresholds, Vol. I, pp. 54-56, 62-64.

Since marital status is correlated with school status and age--factors which independently influence participation and employment chances--it is necessary to control statistically for these variables. This leaves us with a single subset of the sample for which we have a sufficient number of cases for arriving at a reasonably confident conclusion: youth 21 to 25 years of age who were out of school in both years. Among them there is no evidence of any substantial effect of change in marital status on the extent of labor market activity (Table 2.7). True, youth in both color groups who married between the dates of the two surveys⁵ experienced a somewhat greater increase in survey week labor force participation rates and in mean number of weeks in the labor force during the respective 12-month periods than their counterparts who were married in both years, but the differences are very small.

What is far more interesting about the data in Table 2.7 is that the youth who were nonmarried at the time of both surveys had much lower rates of labor force activity in both years than either those who were married in both years or those who married between the dates of the first and second surveys. To state this in another way, of the young men under consideration who were nonmarried at the time of the 1966 survey, the subset who were destined to be married during the ensuing year had rates of labor force activity at the time of the first survey that were well above the rates of those who were to remain nonmarried. Thus, the observed cross-sectional relationship between marital status and labor force participation may result not from the fact that being married induces greater labor force participation but from the fact that marriage is a selective process which "recruits" youth with characteristics that are associated with high labor force participation (e.g., good health, initiative, etc.).⁶ On the other hand, it may also be that over a period as short as one year the plan to marry may exert a positive influence on labor market activity. Finally, to the extent that being married actually causes higher rates of labor force activity, one might expect to note the relationship more strongly in cross-sectional data, since the married category includes persons who have been married for substantial periods of time rather than for at most a year as in the data under consideration here.

5 In Table 2.7 the data referred to actually relate to those who experienced any type of change in marital status between the two years. However, 80 percent of the youth in this category changed from nonmarried to married.

6 Cf. Bowen and Finegan, The Economics of Labor Force Participation, 413. While Bowen and Finegan conclude that the "selection factor" is the principal explanation of the association between marital status and labor force participation for men 25 to 54 years of age (pp. 48-49), they believe that for the younger males under consideration here the "selection factor" is probably not as important as the "family responsibility" influence.

Table 2.7
Selected Measures of Labor Force Participation and Unemployment in 1966 and 1967 by Comparative Marital Status 1966 and 1967, and Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School Both Years

| Measure of labor force participation and unemployment | WHITES | | | Change in status | BLACKS | | |
|--|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | Total or average | Married both years | Nonmarried both years | | Total or average | Married both years | Nonmarried both years |
| Total number (thousands) | 3,262 | 2,010 | 851 | 395 | 543 | 248 | 228 |
| Labor force participation | | | | | | | |
| 1966 participation rate | 98.3 | 99.8 | 94.6 | 98.8 | 95.4 | 99.5 | 90.2 |
| 1967 participation rate | 98.6 | 99.7 | 95.3 | 99.8 | 97.1 | 98.9 | 94.4 |
| Change in rate (1967 minus 1966) | +0.3 | -0.1 | +0.7 | +1.0 | +1.7 | -0.6 | +4.2 |
| 1966 mean weeks in labor force | 48.1 | 49.8 | 44.0 | 48.0 | 45.4 | 48.5 | 41.9 |
| 1967 mean weeks in labor force | 49.7 | 50.6 | 47.3 | 49.9 | 48.7 | 50.5 | 46.6 |
| Change in mean weeks (1967 minus 1966) | +1.6 | +0.8 | +3.3 | +1.0 | +3.3 | +2.0 | +4.7 |
| Unemployment | | | | | | | |
| 1966 mean weeks unemployed | 0.6 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.4 |
| 1967 mean weeks unemployed | 1.2 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.4 |
| Change in mean weeks (1967 minus 1966) | +0.6 | +0.7 | +0.5 | +0.9 | +1.0 | +0.9 | +1.0 |
| 1966 unemployment rate | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 3.5 |
| 1967 unemployment rate | 1.3 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 1.1 | 10.4 |
| Change in rate (1967 minus 1966) | -0.3 | -0.6 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -1.5 | -1.4 | +6.9 |
| 1966 weeks unemployed as percent of weeks in labor force | 1.3 | 0.2 | 3.6 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 3.3 |
| 1967 weeks unemployed as percent of weeks in labor force | 2.4 | 1.6 | 4.4 | 2.8 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 5.2 |
| Change in percent (1967 minus 1966) | +1.1 | +1.4 | +0.8 | +1.8 | +1.9 | +1.8 | +1.9 |

Conceptually, changes that occur in the labor market status of a group of individuals over a period of time may be explained in terms of changes in the characteristics of the individuals or of changes in the external environment. Given constant environmental conditions, there is reason to expect that "aging" of the sample of youth in this study by one year between the 1966 and 1967 surveys would have the effect of increasing their labor force participation and decreasing their susceptibility to unemployment. Within this age group, one year can make a very substantial difference, as many youth leave school, move from high school to college, become legally eligible for additional types of work under child labor legislation, and/or get married. In addition, all of them accumulate an additional year of maturity, knowledge, and experience which, particularly at the youngest age levels, frequently put the youngster over the margin of employability for many types of work.

The findings of the present chapter are generally consistent with these expectations, although interpretations are made somewhat more difficult by the fact that labor market conditions did not remain unchanged between the two survey dates, as evidenced by increasing labor force participation and unemployment rates registered for male youth 14 to 24 years of age by the CPS cross-sectional data. Nevertheless, the increase in labor force participation in the sample of the longitudinal survey was far greater than that registered by the CPS, particularly in the youngest age category. Moreover, in the case of increasing unemployment rates for both white and black youth in the cross-sectional data, the unemployment rate for the whites in this longitudinal study remained unchanged between the two survey dates and that for the blacks increased by a lesser amount than in the cross-sectional data.

As might have been anticipated, the largest increases in labor force participation occurred among the group who left school between the two survey dates. Perhaps more surprising is the fact that the employment rate for this group registered a substantial decline in the case of both whites and blacks. It is also noteworthy that among those who left school between the two surveys the 1967 unemployment rate was lower for those who had been in the labor force while in school than for those who had not.

Despite the pronounced relationship between marital status and labor force status that is observed in cross-sectional data for this age group, there is no perceptible association in the present data between a change in marital status and change in labor force status. It cannot be said whether this is because a one-year period is too short for such an association to be apparent or because the cross-sectional relationship is produced by the influence of a third set of factors on both labor force status and marital status.

JOB CHANGES BY OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH

It is widely recognized that young men exhibit the greatest rates of movement among employers, occupations, and geographic areas of any age-sex cohort in the population.¹ These three aspects of labor market dynamics are examined in this chapter. More specifically, the questions to which the analysis is directed are: (1) how much of each of these types of change occurs over a 12-month period? (2) what factors distinguish changers from nonchangers? and (3) what are some of the consequences of the changes that occur?

INTERFIRM MOVEMENT

Extent of Change

As should be expected of young men in the earliest phase of their work careers, there is a large volume of job changing even during the course of a 12-month period. Of the 4.8 million young men out of school in both years, nearly two-fifths were employed by different firms at the times of the two surveys.² There is substantial variation in the amount of job changing among out-of-school youth according to age, color, and occupation (Table 3.1). An inverse association between rate of job movement and age was anticipated for several reasons. To begin with,

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1 For example, see Laurence Hunter and Graham Reid, Urban Worker Mobility (Paris: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, 1968); John B. Lansing and Eva Mueller, The Geographic Mobility of Labor (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Institute for Social Research, 1967); Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Wages and Labour Mobility (Paris: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, 1965); Samuel Saben, Occupational Mobility of Employed Workers, Special Labor Force Report No. 84 (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, June 1967).

2 This figure undoubtedly understates the total amount of movement among young men during the year for two reasons. First, it refers to the number of movers and not the number of moves made during the course of the year. Second, just less than one-tenth of those in the 1966 sample who were out of school and employed were not reinterviewed in 1967. While many of those noninterviewees entered the armed forces and would not affect our estimates, the remainder of the group probably contains a disproportionately large number of young men who changed employers during the 12 months between the survey dates.

| Age in 1967 and type of occupation in 1966 | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent changers | Total number (thousands) | Percent changers |
| 15-20 | | | | |
| White-collar | 192 | 37 | 33 | 54 |
| Blue-collar | 715 | 56 | 103 | 68 |
| Service | 43 | 37 | 26 | 83 |
| Farm | 77 | 65 | 34 | 51 |
| Total or average | 1,032 | 53 | 179 | 66 |
| 21-25 | | | | |
| White-collar | 913 | 26 | 59 | 48 |
| Blue-collar | 1,905 | 40 | 426 | 36 |
| Service | 116 | 20 | 57 | 34 |
| Farm | 143 | 13 | 41 | 43 |
| Total or average | 3,110 | 40 | 679 | 38 |
| 15-25 | | | | |
| White-collar | 1,105 | 23 | 67 | 49 |
| Blue-collar | 2,621 | 40 | 434 | 44 |
| Service | 159 | 24 | 32 | 49 |
| Farm | 220 | 37 | 62 | 47 |
| Total or average | 4,145 | 47 | 699 | 45 |

(a) Includes only respondents who were employed in 1966 and 1967.

gers (15 to 20 year olds in 1967) are more likely than older youth subject to involuntary job separation because they are, on the ge, less skilled and have shorter tenure.³ Their lower skill level product of both the smaller number of years they could have spent in 1 and the smaller number of years they could have spent acquiring e-job training (formal and informal). In addition, the younger men e more likely to make voluntary changes because of the lower monetary h costs, lower psychic costs (in terms of family responsibilities ocial ties to fellow workers), and uncertainty about what they lly desire in a job. The data in Tables 3.1 and 3.2 are consistent the hypothesized "age effect." For both color groups the 21 to 25 old men are only about three-fifths as likely as those 15 to 20 of age to have changed jobs during the period between the surveys. of interfirm movement are lower for the older than the younger within all type-of-occupation and length-of-service categories for comparisons can be made with confidence.

3.2 Proportion Changing Employers between 1966 and 1967, by 1967 Age, Length of Service in 1966 Job, and Color:
Respondents Not Enrolled in School in Either Year^(a)

| in 1967 and gth of service 1966 job | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent changers | Total number (thousands) | Percent changers |
| 20 | | | | |
| less than 1 year | 704 | 57 | 127 | 71 |
| year or more | 324 | 44 | 52 | 55 |
| 1-2 years | 246 | 50 | 40 | 65 |
| 3 years or more | 78 | 23 | 12 | 20 |
| total or average | 1,032 | 53 | 179 | 66 |
| 25 | | | | |
| less than 1 year | 1,278 | 44 | 234 | 42 |
| year or more | 1,817 | 23 | 241 | 33 |
| 1-2 years | 1,118 | 25 | 138 | 33 |
| 3 years or more | 699 | 20 | 103 | 34 |
| total or average | 3,110 | 32 | 479 | 38 |
| 25 | 4,142 | 37 | 658 | 45 |

Includes only respondents who were employed in 1966 and 1967.

3 Due to a difficulty in the interview schedule, we are unable to distinguish between voluntary and involuntary separations from 1966 employer. interview schedules for subsequent years have been revised to permit nation of that aspect of interfirm movement, our treatment of employer ing in this report is much abbreviated and largely confined to variables we expect to operate in the same direction for both voluntary and untary changers.

their white counterparts to involuntary separation because of lower skills (less education and formal out-of-school training), shorter job tenure, and relatively greater concentration in occupation groups most subject to unstable employment. In addition, the intercolor difference in the occupational distribution of young men probably implies, ceteris paribus, a greater likelihood of blacks making voluntary shifts. That is, blacks are more heavily concentrated--relative to whites--in the farm worker and nonfarm laborer categories which have been shown in at least one study to exhibit comparatively high rates of voluntary interfirm movement.⁴

In general, the data in Tables 3.1 and 3.2 are consistent with the hypothesis. Overall, the proportion of black job changers was 8 percentage points higher than that of the white. Although the intercolor difference narrows with increasing age, the remaining disparity among men in their early twenties is not accounted for by the intercolor difference in occupational distribution. Rather, if the black men 21 to 25 years of age were distributed among the major occupation groups exactly as their white counterparts, the overall intercolor difference would actually be slightly greater. That is, the proportion of blacks who changed employers is at least as high as that of whites in every major occupation group and the difference is greatest in the white-collar category in which blacks are most underrepresented. Furthermore, even though black men in their early twenties are more likely than the corresponding group of white men to have been short-service workers (less than one year) on their 1966 jobs, this does not explain the intercolor difference in rates of interfirm movement. Indeed, the intercolor differential in the likelihood of changing employers seems to increase with tenure among men 21 to 25 years of age. For those with less than one year of service in 1966, the rate of job movement between 1966 and 1967 was actually somewhat higher for whites than for blacks.

Correlates and Consequences of Change

Training In the case of white (but not black) men in their early twenties, those who received formal occupational training between the 1966 and 1967 interviews were more likely than those who did not to have changed employers between the same two dates, although the strength of the association varies among the different types of training (Table 3.3). Moreover, the figures mainly reflect the positive relationship between training and interfirm movement for those in blue-collar jobs in 1966.⁵

⁴ Parnes, et al., The Pre-Retirement Years, Vol. II, p. 19.

⁵ College graduates were not asked about occupational training experience, which eliminates approximately one-third of the white-collar workers from the universe to be studied. Therefore, the data may well understate the relationship between job changing and training to the extent that such white-collar employees are highly likely to receive training and to change jobs.

is not certain, of course, whether the direction of causation is from training to job change or vice versa. Some young men may have sought training outside the firm in anticipation of searching for a position elsewhere. On the other hand, many job changers probably were given training in conjunction with undertaking their new assignments.

Table 3.3 Proportion Changing Employers between 1966 and 1967, by Extent and Type of Occupational Training Acquired between 1966 and 1967, and Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School in Either Year^(a)

| Extent and type of training | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent changers | Total number (thousands) | Percent changers |
| None | 2,220 | 29 | 414 | 38 |
| Some | 607 | 42 | 52 | 40 |
| White-collar | 267 | 45 | 16 | 8 |
| Blue-collar | 230 | 39 | 24 | 64 |
| Other | 110 | 49 | 12 | 33 |
| Total or average | 2,827 | 32 | 466 | 38 |

(a) Includes only respondents who were employed in 1966 and 1967. Excludes college graduates.

Labor force and employment experience during the year The extent to which the process of changing employers includes some time of unemployment obviously depends on the reason for the change--i.e., the probability that an involuntary shift will involve a period of unemployment is greater than the corresponding probability for a voluntary shift. In addition, it is expected that the amount of time not employed during a year will be greater for those who change employers than for those who remain with the same firm. For one thing, the process of active job search is frequently conducted while unemployed. For another, job changing is more prevalent among workers in occupations and industries characterized by unstable employment opportunities.

The data in Table 3.4 are generally consistent with the hypotheses advanced above. Although the relationships between labor force experience and interfirm movement are stronger and more consistent among whites, they also are evident for blacks. Irrespective of color and 1966 occupation group, young men who changed employers between the survey dates experienced more unemployment during the year than did those who were with the same

respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School
in Either Year^(a)

| Comparative job status and type of occupation in 1966 | Total number (thousands) | Mean weeks employed ^(b) | Mean weeks unemployed ^(b) | Mean weeks out of labor force ^(b) |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| WHITES | | | | |
| Same employer | | | | |
| White-collar | 652 | 49.2 | 0.1 | 1.7 |
| Blue-collar | 1,184 | 48.7 | 0.6 | 1.8 |
| Total or average ^(c) | 2,071 | 49.0 | 0.4 | 1.7 |
| Different employer | | | | |
| White-collar | 235 | 47.2 | 1.2 | 1.9 |
| Blue-collar | 667 | 45.0 | 2.6 | 3.6 |
| Total or average ^(c) | 957 | 45.2 | 2.6 | 3.0 |
| BLACKS | | | | |
| Same employer | | | | |
| White-collar | 30 | 46.3 | 0.3 | 1.6 |
| Blue-collar | 208 | 48.7 | 0.4 | 2.1 |
| Total or average ^(c) | 294 | 48.2 | 0.8 | 2.1 |
| Different employer | | | | |
| White-collar | 28 | 46.7 | 3.0 | 1.4 |
| Blue-collar | 117 | 43.4 | 3.6 | 2.2 |
| Total or average ^(c) | 177 | 44.4 | 3.2 | 2.2 |

(a) Includes only respondents who were employed in 1966 and 1967.

(b) Means computed from grouped data.

(c) Total includes service and farm workers not shown separately.

employer on both dates. Time spent out of the labor force shows generally same relationship. Moreover, the nature of the time spent out of the labor force varies according to whether a young man changed employers (Table 3.5). More than three-fourths of those who stayed with the same employer were on vacation or ill during their inactive periods, whereas about one-half of those who changed jobs offered those two reasons for their periods of inactivity.

One other interesting aspect of the interim labor market experience of these young men is the number of jobs (excluding those held at the time of the surveys) that they held during the year between the two surveys. What is surprising about the data is that less than two-fifths of those who held one or more interim jobs were ultimately classified as having made an employer change (Table 3.6). Undoubtedly a major reason for this is attributable to young men finding temporary employment on layoff from their regular jobs and to cases of "moonlighting." The data may also reflect the process of early experimentation in the labor market, which very likely includes some movement whose only purpose is to convince young men that their initial job choices were "bad" ones.

Wage rates It was expected that low-wage workers would have lower-than-average rates of interfirm movement, since it is probable that as compared with more highly paid workers they are both more subject to involuntary job separations and more likely to leave a position voluntarily. Our data are perfectly consistent with those hypotheses, although the relationship appears to be stronger among blacks than among whites (Table 3.7).

Despite the fact that those young men who changed employers between 1966 and 1967 experienced increases in their average hourly rate of pay, these increases were generally smaller in absolute and relative terms than those received by young men who remained with the same employer. That is not surprising considering that the group of changers includes those who were involuntarily separated from their 1966 jobs, whose wage would necessarily be expected to improve with the job change. White youth employed in white-collar jobs are the major exception to the generalization; among them, job changers experienced hourly pay increases that were greater both absolutely and relatively than those going to workers who remained with the same employer. A plausible explanation for this exception is that voluntary shifts are relatively more prevalent among white-collar workers than among blue-collar employees.⁶

⁶ The inability to draw the same inference for blacks may be due to their different distribution among the white-collar occupations and/or to a small sample size.

in Either Year^(a)

(Percentage distribution)

| Reason for periods out of labor force | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | Same employer | Different employer | Same employer | Different employer |
| Ill or disabled | 22 | 21 | 56 | 47 |
| Couldn't find work | 0 | 4 | 11 | 11 |
| Vacation | 56 | 35 | 16 | 4 |
| In school | 2 | 6 | 0 | 7 |
| Other ^(b) | 20 | 35 | 16 | 31 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 517 | 290 | 81 | 36 |

- (a) Includes only respondents employed in 1966 and 1967 who were out of the labor force at least one week between 1966 and 1967 surveys.
 (b) Includes "In armed services."

Table 3.6 Proportion Employed in Different Firms in 1966 and 1967, by Number of Jobs Held in Interim and Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in Either Year^(a)

| Number of jobs held between 1966 ^(b) and 1967 jobs | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent changers | Total number (thousands) | Percent changers |
| None | 2,413 | 30 | 346 | 32 |
| 1 | 519 | 33 | 103 | 43 |
| 2 or more | 178 | 48 | 30 | 82 |
| Total or average | 3,110 | 32 | 479 | 38 |

- (a) Includes only respondents employed in 1966 and 1967.
 (b) Does not include jobs held in survey weeks, 1966 and 1967.

Table 3.7 Median Hourly Rates of Pay in 1966 and 1967, by Comparative Job Status, 1966 and 1967, Type of Occupation in 1966, and Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School in Either Year(a)

| Comparative job status in 1966 and 1967 and type of occupation in 1966 | Total number (thousands) | 1966 median rate of pay ^(b) | 1967 median rate of pay ^(b) | Percent increase 1966 to 1967 |
|--|-----------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| WHITES | | | | |
| All respondents | 2,926 | \$2.49 | \$2.81 | 13 |
| Same employer | | | | |
| White-collar | 614 | 2.56 | 2.96 | 16 |
| Blue-collar | 1,148 | 2.60 | 2.89 | 11 |
| Total or average ^(c) | 1,928 | 2.57 | 2.90 | 13 |
| Different employer | | | | |
| White-collar | 225 | 2.35 | 2.84 | 21 |
| Blue-collar | 658 | 2.45 | 2.52 | 3 |
| Total or average ^(c) | 936 | 2.37 | 2.60 | 10 |
| BLACKS | | | | |
| All respondents | 475 | 1.76 | 2.06 | 17 |
| Same employer | | | | |
| White-collar | 30 | 2.33 | 2.90 | 24 |
| Blue-collar | 208 | 1.91 | 2.24 | 17 |
| Total or average ^(c) | 294 | 1.88 | 2.21 | 18 |
| Different employer | | | | |
| White-collar | 28 | 1.73 | 1.94 | 12 |
| Blue-collar | 115 | 1.69 | 1.85 | 9 |
| Total or average ^(c) | 173 | 1.63 | 1.88 | 15 |

-) Includes only respondents who were employed in 1966 and 1967 as wage and salary workers.
-) Medians computed from grouped data.
-) Total includes service and farm workers not shown separately.

of the reason for changing jobs.⁷ Those who express high satisfaction are less likely than those who are less satisfied to be seeking alternative positions, to encounter alternatives which "measure up" to the current job, and therefore, to make voluntary moves. In addition, the highly-satisfied are likely to have personal and employment characteristics (e.g., highly educated, white-collar job) which make them less prone than the less-satisfied to be involuntarily separated from a job. The figures in Table 3.8 are consistent with the hypothesized relationship which is particularly pronounced among whites in white-collar jobs.

Table 3.8 Proportion Changing Employers between 1966 and 1967, by Degree of Satisfaction^(a) with 1966 Job, Type of Occupation in 1966, and Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School in Either Year^(b)

| Degree of satisfaction with 1966 job and type of occupation in 1966 | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent changers | Total number (thousands) | Percent changers |
| Highly satisfied | | | | |
| White-collar | 546 | 19 | 28 | 44 |
| Blue-collar | 965 | 33 | 106 | 34 |
| Total or average ^(c) | 1,712 | 27 | 171 | 38 |
| Other | | | | |
| White-collar | 366 | 37 | 31 | 52 |
| Blue-collar | 916 | 38 | 221 | 37 |
| Total or average ^(c) | 1,370 | 37 | 308 | 38 |
| Total or average | 3,110 | 32 | 479 | 38 |

- (a) See text footnote 7 for definition of "degree of satisfaction."
 (b) Includes only respondents who were employed in 1966 and 1967.
 (c) Total includes service and farm workers not shown separately.

7 Degree of satisfaction is measured by the response to the question "How do you feel about the job you have now? Do you like it very much, like it fairly well, dislike it somewhat, or dislike it very much?" Those giving the first response are classified as highly satisfied.

A second and related psychological dimension of interfirm movement is the association between a change of employers and a change in the level of job satisfaction. Partly on the basis of the observed relation between the level of satisfaction and actual movement and partly on a priori grounds, we would hypothesize a positive association between interfirm movement and improvements in job satisfaction. In other words, if job changing among young men is functional, it will result in more satisfied workers. Moreover, since there is more movement among the less-than-highly-satisfied, movers are more likely than nonmovers to experience increased satisfaction. On the other hand, young men who change jobs involuntarily may include substantial numbers who experience a decrease in satisfaction. Table 3.9 indicates that, generally speaking, young men who change jobs are more likely than those who remain with the same employer to express a change in satisfaction, for better or worse.⁸ Among changers and nonchangers alike, those who express an increase in satisfaction far outnumber those who express a decrease. But job changers are considerably more likely than nonchangers to report an increase in satisfaction (71 percent versus 33 percent for whites) and also much more likely to report a decrease in satisfaction (16 percent versus 7 percent for whites). Keeping in mind that both voluntary and involuntary changes are included, it is encouraging that seven out of ten of the white job changers and well over half of the black like their new jobs better than the old ones. Of course, it is possible that this simply reflects a tendency of the respondents to rationalize the results of important decisions which they make or which are beyond their control. Nevertheless, it can also be argued that the ability to rationalize is itself an indication of relative psychological health.

Length of service on 1966 job It is a well-established fact that the number of job changes that occur during a given period of time far exceeds the number of individuals who change jobs. That is, the process of reallocating labor services among firms over the medium-run is accomplished by the multiple moves of a relatively small group of workers. An obvious corollary of this phenomenon is that there should be a positive relationship between the entire history of job changing and the likelihood of recent interfirm movement. Thus, one reason that we expected young men with short tenure to exhibit greater rates of interfirm movement than those with longer tenure is that length of service is an inverse measure of past job changing. In addition, short-service employees are expected to have higher-than-average voluntary quit rates because (1) their economic and sociopsychological equities in a job are relatively small; and (2) the

⁸ Among blacks, the young men in white-collar positions are the aberrant group but the small number of sample cases prohibits any statements about whether the aberration is real or the product of sampling error.

| Comparative job status 1966-1967 and type of occupation in 1966 | Total number (thousands) | Percent who like 1967 job more than 1966 job | Percent who like 1967 job less than 1966 job | |
|---|--------------------------------|---|---|----|
| | WHITES | | | |
| | Same employer | | | |
| | White-collar | 652 | 38 | 8 |
| | Blue-collar | 1,184 | 30 | 8 |
| | Total or average (b) | 2,071 | 33 | 7 |
| | Different employer | | | |
| | White-collar | 235 | 72 | 16 |
| | Blue-collar | 667 | 70 | 13 |
| | Total or average (b) | 957 | 71 | 16 |
| | BLACKS | | | |
| | Same employer | | | |
| | White-collar | 30 | 52 | 19 |
| | Blue-collar | 208 | 38 | 5 |
| | Total or average (b) | 294 | 36 | 8 |
| | Different employer | | | |
| | White-collar | 28 | 38 | 14 |
| | Blue-collar | 117 | 60 | 9 |
| | Total or average (b) | 177 | 56 | 9 |

(a) Includes only respondents employed in 1966 and 1967.

(b) Total includes service and farm workers not shown separately.

early months of a job are an experimental period during which many workers may decide that they erred in taking the job in the first place. Furthermore, involuntary separations are also likely to diminish with increasing service since seniority is an important and pervasive criterion for determining the order of layoffs. The data in Table 3.10 are uniformly consistent with the hypothesis even though the range of length of service is quite small for young men in their early twenties. The relationship appears to be stronger among whites than among blacks.⁹

Table 3.10 Proportion Changing Employers between 1966 and 1967, by Type of Occupation in 1966, Length of Service on 1966 Job, and Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School in Either Year(a)

| Type of occupation and length of service, 1966 job | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent changers | Total number (thousands) | Percent changers |
| White-collar | | | | |
| Less than 1 year | 399 | 34 | 38 | 60 |
| 1 year or more | 574 | 22 | 21 | 29 |
| Blue-collar | | | | |
| Less than 1 year | 835 | 49 | 160 | 41 |
| 1-2 years | 662 | 29 | 99 | 34 |
| 3 years or more | 405 | 20 | 65 | 27 |
| Total or average(b) | | | | |
| Less than 1 year | 1,278 | 44 | 234 | 42 |
| 1-2 years | 1,118 | 25 | 138 | 33 |
| 3 years or more | 699 | 20 | 103 | 34 |

(a) Includes only respondents employed in 1966 and 1967.

(b) Totals include service and farm workers not shown separately.

Degree of attachment to 1966 employer In the 1966 interview, employed young men were asked the following question: "Suppose someone in this area offered you a job in the same line of work you're in now. How much would the new job have to pay for you to be willing to take it?" Answers were coded in relation to current rates of pay, and respondents were classified in terms of the percentage increase in rate of pay that

⁹ As can be seen in Table 3.2, the relationship is also evident among teenagers.

the sense of his propensity to respond to perceived economic differentials between jobs. The hypothesis that mobility was related to, but nevertheless distinct from, degree of job satisfaction was supported. No significant association was observable between mobility and length of service in the job, primarily due to the very small possible range of job tenure among young men.¹⁰

If the question involving the hypothetical job offer is in fact a valid measure of propensity to change jobs in response to perceived differentials in "net economic advantage," one would expect this measure of mobility to be positively related to the likelihood of voluntary job change. The relationship obviously would not be perfect since the likelihood that a worker will actually make a voluntary job change depends not only on his propensity to move, but also on the existence of opportunities to move and on those personal characteristics that determine (a) his knowledge of alternative jobs; (b) his initiative in pursuing the alternatives; and (c) his attractiveness to potential employers.¹¹

As a test of the hypothesized model, Table 3.11 exhibits the relationship between our measure of mobility and the rate of actual interfirm movement--both voluntary and involuntary--between 1966 and 1967. Young men who reported that they would accept the hypothetical job offer at a wage rate within 10 percent of their current wage are classified as "highly mobile." Those who reported a willingness to take the job for a specified rate 10 percent or more above their current rate of pay are classed as "moderately mobile." Those who stated that they would not take the job at any conceivable rate of pay are designated as "immobile." A systematic relationship between the 1966 measure of mobility and actual job movement between 1966 and 1967 exists only in the case of white youth employed in blue-collar jobs, among whom the highly mobile, the moderately mobile, and the immobile made job changes in the ratio of 9:7:5. While the predictor variable does not perform so well as we would have liked, there are mitigating circumstances. Among blacks, small sample sizes prohibit any confident statement about the hypothesis. In addition, since the data do not distinguish between voluntary and involuntary shifts, the ability to test a hypothesis framed in terms of voluntary movement is impaired.¹²

¹⁰ Parnes, et al., Career Thresholds, Vol. I, pp. 149-59. It should be noted that in this chapter, the term "mobility" is used exclusively in the sense of propensity to respond to perceived pay differentials, as measured by the question described in the text.

¹¹ For a fuller description of the hypothesized model and application to the cohort of young men see Parnes, et al., The Pre-Retirement Years, Vol. I, pp. 148-53, and Career Thresholds, Vol. I, pp. 149-59.

¹² Another test of the model, using more appropriate data, yielded somewhat better results. It can be found in Parnes, et al., The Pre-Retirement Years, Vol. II, pp. 21-24.

e 3.11 Proportion Changing Employers between 1966 and 1967, by
 Type of Occupation in 1966, Degree of Mobility,^(a) and
 Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled
 in School in Either Year^(b)

| Type of occupation and degree of mobility, 1966 job | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent changers | Total number (thousands) | Percent changers |
| White-collar | | | | |
| Highly mobile | 228 | 28 | 7 | 19 |
| Moderately mobile | 429 | 23 | 38 | 58 |
| Immobile | 120 | 29 | 10 | 24 |
| Total or average | 865 | 27 | 59 | 48 |
| Blue-collar | | | | |
| Highly mobile | 568 | 45 | 89 | 34 |
| Moderately mobile | 861 | 36 | 181 | 36 |
| Immobile | 277 | 25 | 27 | 36 |
| Total or average | 1,854 | 36 | 325 | 36 |
| Total or average ^(c) | | | | |
| Highly mobile | 842 | 40 | 113 | 36 |
| Moderately mobile | 1,407 | 32 | 272 | 40 |
| Immobile | 437 | 27 | 50 | 28 |
| Total or average | 2,926 | 33 | 475 | 37 |

-) See text for definitions of degree of mobility.
-) Includes only respondents employed in 1966 and 1967 as wage and salary workers.
-) Total includes farm and service workers not shown separately.

Extent and Type of Change

An infrequently studied aspect of labor market dynamics is a change in occupation unaccompanied by a change of employers.¹⁴ The only national data on the extent of such movement that has come to our attention is a study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics based on data collected in the Current Population Survey. According to this source the rate of intrafirm occupational movement over a 12-month period is 6.9 percent for males 20 to 24 years of age, and the rate falls consistently with age to less than 1 percent among men 65 years of age and older.¹⁵ However, over a similar span of time our data reveal a substantially greater amount of intrafirm occupational movement than the CPS data for men in the 20 to 24 year old cohort. We find a rate of 18.8 percent--more than two-and-one-half times as great as that indicated by the CPS (Table 3.12). This suggests that the phenomenon is deserving of more investigation, if only because there is more of it to study than previously had been thought.

There are three major differences between the IGS and CPS data, other than the different dates of the surveys,¹⁶ which should be expected to produce divergent estimates (in the observed direction) of the rate of intrafirm occupational change. First, the CPS data refer to all men

13 A coding problem prohibits us at this point from measuring the extent of occupational change among men who changed employers. Thus, our discussion is confined to a consideration of intrafirm occupational movement, which probably accounts for much less than half of all occupational shifts made during a year by men in this age cohort.

14 The concept of the "internal labor market" is one which only recently has begun to receive the attention of empirical researchers as noted in Herbert S. Parnes, "Labor Force Participation and Labor Mobility," manuscript, pp. 43-44, for a forthcoming IRRA volume reviewing labor market research during the 1960's.

15 Saben, Occupational Mobility of Employed Workers, Table K, p. A-13.

16 The difference in survey date, itself, may account for some of the difference in observed rates of intrafirm occupational change, since the extent of such movement is probably positively related to the "tightness" of the labor market, and since the unemployment rate declined between 1965 and 1967. See Michael Piore, "On the Job Training and Adjustment to Technological Change," The Journal of Human Resources (Fall 1968), pp. 435-49.

Table 3.12 Interfirm and Occupational Movement: Comparison of Data from Longitudinal Survey (October 1966 to October 1967) and Current Population Survey (January 1, 1965 to January 1, 1966) for Men 20 to 24 Years of Age at the Beginning of Each Period Who Were Employed at Beginning and End of Each Period

| Comparative job status | Longitudinal Survey(a) (October 1966 to October 1967) | | | Current Population Survey(b) (January 1965 to January 1966) | | |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Percent of total | Percent of subtotal | Total number (thousands) | Percent of total | Percent of subtotal |
| Same employer | | | | | | |
| Same occupation | 1,922 | 54.9 | 81.2 | 1,900 | 53.4 | 93.1 |
| Different occupation | 444 | 12.7 | 18.8 | 139 | 3.9 | 6.9 |
| Total or average | 2,365 | 67.6 | 100.0 | 2,039 | 57.3 | 100.0 |
| Different employer | | | | | | |
| Same occupation | (c) | (c) | (c) | 643 | 18.1 | 42.4 |
| Different occupation | (c) | (c) | (c) | 876 | 24.6 | 57.6 |
| Total or average | 1,134 | 32.4 | 100.0 | 1,519 | 42.7 | 100.0 |
| Total or average | 3,499 | 100.0 | --- | 3,558 | 100.0 | --- |

(a) Longitudinal Survey data exclude men enrolled in school in either 1966 or 1967.

(b) Samuel Saben, Occupational Mobility of Employed Workers, Special Labor Force Report No. 84 (Washington, D. C.: U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, June 1967), Table A, p. A-5 and Table K, p. A-13.

(c) Not available at this time.

20 to 24 years of age, whereas ours refer only to those who were nonstudents in both years. Students in that age range are more likely than nonstudents to be part-time employees, and therefore probably less likely to make occupational changes within a given firm.¹⁷ Second, IGS data are based on interviews that were invariably with the subject himself, whereas CPS data on men 20 to 24 years old frequently are obtained from some other household member, e.g., wife or parent. Third, the respondent in the CPS was asked whether the subject individual was doing the same kind of work a year earlier as was reported for him in the survey week. Only if the answer to this question was "No" was a further question asked about the kind of work he was doing in the previous year. In our study, the criteria for deciding that an individual has made an occupational change are (1) that the three-digit occupation reported in the 1967 interview is different from the three-digit occupation reported in the 1966 interview; and (2) that in the 1967 interview he in effect acknowledges that there has in fact been a change by reporting a "reason" for having changed occupations. Thus, unlike the situation in the CPS, information on occupational change in the IGS comes from the individual himself, does not depend on recall, and does not require the respondent himself to make an occupational comparison but merely to report a specific occupation in each of the two years. At the same time, the fact that he responds to a question on the reason for having changed occupations allows one to be confident that there has been an actual change in assignment, rather than simply an inadvertent use of a different job title in each year. All these factors might be expected to produce a larger--and probably more accurate--count of intrafirm occupational changers in the present study than in the BLS report.

There appears to be little if any intercolor difference in rate of occupational movement during a one-year period for those young men who remain with the same employer. The proportion of whites who changed three-digit occupations within a firm is 19.0 percent compared to 17.2 percent of the blacks (Table 3.13). The blacks who moved were slightly more likely than the whites to move upward in terms of the Duncan

17 It is probable that this difference in the universes of the two studies would produce disparate results in the opposite direction with respect to interfirm movement rates and overall occupational change rates, particularly since the CPS data include young men who may be enrolled in school at the first date but not enrolled at the second date.

economic index of occupations and were also less likely to move upward, although the differences are not great and may not be statistically significant.¹⁸

3.13 Extent and Type of Intrafirm Occupational Movement between 1966 and 1967, by Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School in Either Year^(a)

(Percentage distribution)

| Type of movement ^(b) | WHITES | BLACKS |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Upward | 19.0 | 17.2 |
| Downward | 8.3 | 8.3 |
| Lateral | 6.6 | 6.6 |
| Stayers | 4.2 | 2.3 |
| Movers | 81.0 | 82.8 |
| Total percent | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Total number (thousands) | 2,071 | 294 |

Includes only respondents who were employed in 1966 and 1967 by the employer.

For definitions, see text footnote 18.

If the extent and direction of intrafirm occupational movement during the year being studied are typical, then the data do not confirm a conclusion advanced in our initial report on this group of men. In considering the irregularity of the association between tenure and mobility among black men in their early twenties, we suggested that the observed association "...may reflect a slower advancement of blacks relative to whites during the several years after hire..."¹⁹ However,

¹⁸ Upward mobility is defined as an increase of five or more points on the index, lateral as a change of + four points, and downward as a decrease of five or more points. For more detail on the index, see J. Duncan, "A Socioeconomic Index for All Occupations," Jr., et al., Occupations and Social Status (New York: Free Press, 1961), pp. 109-38. Consistent with the data on occupational change shown by the Duncan index scores are the data on reasons for occupational change which were elicited from those who made intrafirm moves. While more than two-thirds cited "promotion" as the reason, more than 1 in 20 reported either "job eliminated" or "bumped from job."

¹⁹ Parnes, et al., Career Thresholds, Vol. I, p. 154.

the current data imply that blacks are at least as likely as whites to move up the occupational ladder within a firm during the course of any year. On the other hand, one must be cautious in extending that interpretation of the data since there is neither a control for starting "rung" nor any comparison of the "distance" moved on the occupational ladder. That is, since blacks are more likely than whites to start at a low level, they are for this reason alone more likely than whites to move upward, if they move at all.

Another way of viewing the direction and magnitude of intrafirm occupational movement is to consider whether the changes occurred within or across types of occupation (i.e., white-collar, blue-collar, service, and farm). From tabulations not shown here it is evident that there are no significant differences among the rates of movement by young men in the four type-of-occupation groups in 1966. Those in blue-collar jobs in 1966, for example, were not significantly more or less likely than those in white-collar positions in 1966 to change three-digit occupations between 1966 and 1967. In addition, for those groups whose sample size is large enough to permit confident conclusions, there are no differences in the extent to which an occupational shift involves crossing type-of-occupation lines (Table 3.14). What is more surprising about this is that among whites as many as one in twelve of those in white-collar work in 1966 had moved into a blue-collar job with the same firm by the following year.

Table 3.14 Type of Occupation in 1967 by Type of Occupation in 1966 and Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School in Either Year^(a)

(Percentage distribution)

| Type of occupation in 1967 \ Type of occupation in 1966 | WHITES | | | | BLACKS | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|---------|------|--------------|-------------|---------|------|
| | White-collar | Blue-collar | Service | Farm | White-collar | Blue-collar | Service | Farm |
| White-collar | 92 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 85 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Blue-collar | 8 | 92 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 94 | 18 | 6 |
| Service | 0 | 0 | 91 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 82 | 0 |
| Farm | 0* | 0* | 0 | 91 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 94 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 652 | 1,184 | 92 | 112 | 30 | 208 | 38 | 18 |

s 0.1 to 0.5.

y respondents employed in 1966 and 1967 by the same

relates and Consequences of Change

Hourly rate of pay For several reasons it was expected that, controlling for initial occupation, low-wage workers would be more likely than high-wage workers to make intrafirm occupational changes. First, the highest paying jobs are, on the average, those which require the latest investments in education and/or training. Thus, for example, a change from one professional category to another would be far less likely to occur during a one-year period than would a move from, say, a sales to a clerical position. Second, since more of the observed movement is up the occupation hierarchy than down and since upward movement is less likely among those starting high on the ladder, low-wage workers should predominate among the movers. Moreover, it was hypothesized that movers would experience greater relative increases in wages than nonmovers because (1) movers are expected to begin with lower absolute wage levels; and (2) intrafirm occupational shifts are, on the average, in an upward direction. Without exception our data are consistent with those hypotheses (Table 3.15). This strongly suggests that voluntary intrafirm occupational movement is in the direction of "net economic advantage," especially since the group of movers includes those who did so involuntarily (e.g., those who were "bumped" from their jobs).

Job satisfaction There is no a priori reason to assume that intrafirm occupational movement is more prevalent among less-satisfied than among highly-satisfied workers. Yet, since movement has been shown to be predominantly in an upward direction, we would expect occupation changers to be more likely than nonchangers to exhibit increased satisfaction. An observation that changers are more than two-and-one-half times as likely as nonchangers to express a preference for the 1967 job situation in comparison with that in 1966 strongly supports this hypothesis (Table 3.16).

I GEOGRAPHIC MOVEMENT

tent and Type of Change

Young men not enrolled in school evidence a considerable amount of geographic movement over the course of a 12-month period. Of the 15 to 25 year old males out of school both years who were interviewed in 1967, 11.2 percent of the whites and 6.3 percent of the blacks had changed residence across county (or SMSA) boundaries between 1966 and 1967 (Table 3.17). It must be noted, however, that these rates certainly understate the rate of geographic movement among the national civilian population of young men who were 14 to 24 years of age and out of school in 1966 because of the attrition from the sample between the two surveys. The extent of the understatement is dependent upon the assumptions one makes regarding those who were not reinterviewed. About 7.5 percent of the white respondents not in school at the time of the initial survey and 5.6 percent of their black counterparts were not reinterviewed in 1967 because they had become members

Table 3.15 Median^(a) Hourly Rates of Pay, 1966 and 1967, by Comparison of Three-Digit Occupations 1966 and 1967, Type of Occupation in 1966, and Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School in Either Year^(b)

| Comparison of occupation, 1966 and 1967, and type of occupation in 1966 | Total number (thousands) | Median rate of pay, 1966 | Median rate of pay 1967 | Percentage increase 1966 to 1967 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| WHITES | | | | |
| Same occupation | | | | |
| White-collar | 500 | \$2.69 | \$2.99 | 11 |
| Blue-collar | 909 | 2.61 | 2.90 | 11 |
| Total or average ^(c) | 1,537 | 2.62 | 2.93 | 12 |
| Different occupation | | | | |
| White-collar | 115 | 2.20 | 2.82 | 28 |
| Blue-collar | 239 | 2.57 | 2.90 | 13 |
| Total or average ^(c) | 389 | 2.34 | 2.82 | 21 |
| BLACKS | | | | |
| Same occupation | | | | |
| White-collar | 26 | 2.57 | 3.00+ | 17+ |
| Blue-collar | 167 | 1.93 | 2.20 | 14 |
| Total or average ^(c) | 244 | 1.89 | 2.16 | 14 |
| Different occupation | | | | |
| White-collar | 4 | (d) | (d) | -- |
| Blue-collar | 41 | 1.76 | 2.37 | 35 |
| Total or average ^(c) | 51 | 1.80 | 2.39 | 33 |

(a) Medians computed from grouped data.

(b) Includes only respondents employed as wage and salary workers by the same employer in 1966 and 1967.

(c) Total includes service and farm workers not shown separately.

(d) Median not computed where there are fewer than 20 sample cases.

Table 3.16 Comparative Attitude toward Job, 1966 and 1967, by Comparison of Three-Digit Occupations, 1966 and 1967, and Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School in Either Year^(a)

(Percentage distribution)

| Comparative attitude toward 1966 and 1967 job | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | Same occupation | Different occupation | Same occupation | Different occupation |
| Like 1967 job more | 26 | 65 | 28 | 76 |
| Like 1967 job same | 67 | 27 | 63 | 21 |
| Like 1967 job less | 7 | 9 | 10 | 3 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,678 | 393 | 244 | 51 |

(a) Includes only respondents employed by the same employer in 1966 and 1967.

f the armed forces during the year. An additional 1.6 percent of those whites and 5.6 percent of the blacks were not reinterviewed due to the inability of the Census interviewer to locate them.²⁰

Table 3.17 Observed and Adjusted Rates of Geographic Movement between 1966 and 1967 Surveys, by Age in 1967 and Color:
Respondents Not Enrolled in School in 1966 and 1967

| Age in 1967 | Total number (a) (thousands) | Observed rate (b) | Adjusted rate (c) |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| WHITES | | | |
| 15-20 | 1,286 | 11.0 | 13.0 |
| 21-25 | 3,262 | 11.2 | 12.1 |
| 15-25 | 4,548 | 11.2 | 12.2 |
| BLACKS | | | |
| 15-20 | 266 | 5.9 | 9.2 |
| 21-25 | 543 | 6.5 | 13.5 |
| 15-25 | 809 | 6.3 | 12.1 |

- (a) This base actually only applies to the observed rate of geographic movement. The base for the adjusted rates is the age-color subgroup of the 1966 sample as modified by footnote c.
- (b) Proportion of 1967 respondents who changed residence across county (or SMSA) lines between 1966 and 1967.
- (c) Adjusted by assuming that (1) the relevant base is those who remained in the civilian population in 1967; (2) 1967 noninterviewees because of "unable to locate" changed residence across county lines; and (3) the proportion of those noninterviewees who stayed in the civilian population and returned to school in 1967 was the same as the proportion of those reinterviewed in 1967 who returned to school.

²⁰ These percentages are smaller than those shown in Appendix Table A- because in that table the group classified as "unable to contact" includes some respondents inaccessible to the interviewer even though their location was ascertained--e.g., those who were temporarily absent from the residence.

In an effort to estimate the extent to which the observed rates of geographic movement understate the "true" rates, an adjusted rate has been constructed utilizing several assumptions regarding the noninterviewees (Table 3.17). The calculations are based on the assumption that the proportion of those noninterviewees who stayed in the civilian population and returned to school between the surveys is the same as the proportion of those reinterviewed in 1967 who returned to school. Furthermore, the adjusted rate is constructed on the premises that (1) since the focus of interest is the civilian population, those who entered the armed forces should be excluded from the base population; and (2) all the noninterviewees who could not be located made geographic moves during the year.

Among the several conclusions which are obvious from comparing the observed and adjusted rates of geographic movement is that the adjustment process strongly affects the direction and magnitude of an intercolor difference in geographic movement which one measures. Thus, although the succeeding tables in this section will exhibit a considerably higher rate of geographic movement among whites than among blacks, there will be no discussion of an intercolor difference because the data are not adequate for this purpose.²¹ Another implication of the adjustment process is that even the altered rates exhibit no significant difference between the two age groups.²² The absence of a significant relationship between age and rate of geographic movement is inconsistent with our a priori reasoning which hypothesized an inverse one based on the different distributions of the age groups according to marital status, educational attainment, and labor force experience, all of which have been shown to affect strongly the extent and pattern of geographic movement. This age-effect problem is considered at subsequent points in this section where relevant data can be brought to bear on it.

21 The focus of the discussion, as in other sections of the chapter, is men in their early twenties and the adjusted rates prohibit us from being confident that the difference in the "observed" data really exists. Also, the data currently available to us do not permit adjustment of all the relevant figures according to the assumptions used in constructing Table 3.17. Another fact making us suspicious of the intercolor difference in the observed rates is that no such difference was apparent when we approached the question with one-year-retrospective data. See Parnes, et al., Career Thresholds, Vol. I. pp. 110-13.

²²The apparent positive relationship among blacks between age and rate of geographic movement is not significant according to cal tests.

relations of Change

Demographic characteristics On the basis of past research we expected that men in their early twenties who are married would be more likely than their nonmarried counterparts to make a change of geographic location. In addition, a positive association was anticipated between change in marital status and rate of geographic movement because of the equilibrating effect of the former on all life-style patterns. Among whites the data are consistent with these hypotheses, although the difference in rate of movement between those who were married both years and those who were never-married both years is not significant (Table 3.18).²³ Inexplicably, the data for blacks offer no support for either hypothesis.

Since the decision to make a change of residence largely devolves on the head of the household, we expected a strong association between the incidence of geographic movement and the pattern of living arrangements. That is, we anticipated that men in their early twenties who were heads of households in 1966 or who became heads of households in the intervening year would exhibit higher rates of movement than those who were still living with their parents in 1967. The figures bear out the hypothesis quite strikingly (Table 3.18). In conjunction with the (sometimes competing) secular trends of urbanization and suburbanization in American society we expected to find differences in rates of geographic movement associated with different areas of residence. More specifically, we anticipated higher rates among those living in the central city of an SMSA or entirely outside an SMSA than among those residing within an SMSA but not in its central city. The observed differences are all in the hypothesized direction, though the only significant one is the comparison, among blacks, between suburban dwellers and those who lived outside of an SMSA--i.e., a difference of 10 percentage points.

Another constellation of demographic characteristics expected to be related to the likelihood of geographic movement is composed of education, occupational training during the year between the surveys, amount of labor market knowledge, and veteran status. A positive relationship to the rate of geographic movement was postulated for all three measures. The veteran-status variable is included in this constellation because young men frequently obtain training in the armed forces which enhances their

²³ The difference in comparative marital status distribution between the two age groups--i.e., 15 to 20 and 21 to 25--may explain the lack of an overall relationship between age and geographic movement. Among whites, the younger men who were married at both survey dates were more likely than their older counterparts to move geographically, but the reverse association is apparent among those who changed marital status during the year. These opposite differences, and the fact that the older group was more likely to change status during the year, interact to produce no consistent age effect on movement.

Table 3.18

Observed Rate of Geographic Movement^(a) between 1966 and 1967, by Selected Demographic Characteristics and Color:
Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School
in Either Year

| Characteristic | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Rate of geographic movement | Total number (thousands) | Rate of geographic movement |
| All respondents | 3,262 | 11 | 543 | 6 |
| <u>Comparative marital status 1966 and 1967</u> | | | | |
| Married, both years | 2,010 | 11 | 248 | 4 |
| Never-married, both years | 801 | 6 | 211 | 10 |
| Never-married 1966, married, 1967 | 299 | 20 | 35 | 0 |
| All other | 145 | 24 | 47 | 4 |
| <u>Living arrangements, 1967</u> | | | | |
| With parents | 732 | 6 | 169 | 1 |
| Not with parents | 2,530 | 13 | 374 | 9 |
| <u>Area of residence, 1966</u> | | | | |
| Outside of an SMSA | 1,319 | 12 | 192 | 10 |
| Central city of an SMSA | 838 | 13 | 296 | 6 |
| In an SMSA, not in central city | 1,103 | 9 | 54 | 0 |
| <u>Highest year of school completed, 1966</u> | | | | |
| Less than 12 | 1,045 | 8 | 271 | 7 |
| 12 | 1,535 | 11 | 222 | 3 |
| 13-15 | 395 | 15 | 31 | 0 |
| 16 or more | 287 | 18 | 20 | 40 |
| <u>Extent and type of training between 1966 and 1967 surveys^(b)</u> | | | | |
| None | 2,353 | 10 | 457 | 6 |
| Some | 621 | 14 | 66 | 0 |
| White-collar ^(c) | 272 | 7 | 27 | 0 |
| Blue-collar ^(d) | 233 | 23 | 28 | 0 |
| Other ^(e) | 116 | 10 | 11 | 0 |
| <u>Veteran status, 1966</u> | | | | |
| Nonveteran | 2,273 | 10 | 458 | 8 |
| Veteran | 961 | 14 | 80 | 0 |
| Navy or Coast Guard ier | 218 | 25 | 9 | 0 |
| | 743 | 11 | 72 | 0 |

whose residence in 1967 was in a county or SMSA
which they resided in 1966.

espondents with college degrees.

ical, managerial, and clerical training.
ining.

training and general courses.

occupational skills and which they might not obtain otherwise. In addition, of course, it reflects the fact that the young man already experienced some geographic movement during his lifetime which probably facilitates future residential changes, especially away from community in which he was raised.

In general, the data for whites (but not for blacks) are in accordance with the hypotheses, although not perfectly consistently. Educational attainment shows the most regular association with rate of geographic movement; among whites, college graduates are more than twice as likely as those with less than a high school diploma to have made a residential change across county lines (Table 3.18).²⁴ The strong correlation between education and training does not permit us to make very confident statements about an independent relationship between training and geographic change. However, it is interesting to note that the existence of the observed relationship derives solely from the disproportionately high rate of movement by those whites who obtained blue-collar training during the period between the surveys. The magnitude of that rate in comparison with those of young men in the several educational attainment categories is suggestive of an independent association between geographic movement and occupational training.²⁵ The observation that only Navy and Coast Guard veterans are significantly more likely than nonveterans to have made a geographic change would seem to imply that the variable does not distinguish men according to training received, as suggested above, but that it does serve as a proxy for past geographic movement, also hypothesized earlier. Tabulations not shown here indicate that our measure of extent of labor market knowledge does not serve to distinguish migrants from nonmigrants. We are uncertain at this time whether this is a result of (1) the intervals into which the variable--i.e., score on an occupational information test--was grouped; or (2) an error in measurement of the characteristic; or (3) an unconfirmed hypothesis.²⁶

²⁴ Tabulations not shown here indicate the observed relationship between education and geographic movement holds true for the adjusted rates (see Table 3.17) as well. Furthermore, it holds among young men up to 20 years of age, irrespective of color. Finally, the tabulations do suggest that controlling for educational attainment reveals an inverse association between age and geographic movement among blacks in general and among whites with less than a college degree.

²⁵ The case for the independence of the association may be strengthened by the fact that college graduates, among whom geographic movement rates are highest, are not asked about occupational training received during the year.

²⁶ It perhaps should be emphasized that the occupation information test does not purport to measure knowledge of geographic differences in opportunities or in potential earnings.

12 months between the surveys is length of time at 1966 residence. Since this is clearly an inverse of a measure of past geographic movement it was expected to be negatively associated with current changes of residence--i.e., we would predict lower geographic movement rates the longer the time lived at the 1966 residence. The data for whites are uniformly consistent with the hypothesis (Table 3.19). Although the figures for blacks are irregular, those who had moved recently (i.e., residents of less than one year in 1966) exhibited a considerably higher rate of movement than those in either of the two highest length-of-residence categories.

Table 3.19 Observed Rate of Geographic Movement^(a) between 1966 and 1967, by Length of Time in 1966 County of Residence and Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School in Either Year

| Length of time in 1966 county of residence | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Rate of geographic movement | Total number (thousands) | Rate of geographic movement |
| Less than 1 year | 392 | 31 | 64 | 25 |
| 1-4 years | 619 | 18 | 89 | 2 |
| 5-14 years | 406 | 11 | 60 | 0 |
| 15 years or more but less than entire life | 357 | 9 | 97 | 3 |
| Entire life | 1,430 | 4 | 226 | 7 |
| Total or average | 3,262 | 11 | 543 | 6 |

(a) Percent of respondents whose residence in 1967 was in a county or SMSA different from that in which they resided in 1966.

Personal financial characteristics It was reasoned in designing the analysis that several financial measures would bear strong relationship to geographic movement. Only the two presented below exhibit clear distinctions between migrants and nonmigrants. Consistent with the oft-cited association, our data indicate that home owners were much more closely bound to the community in which they lived in 1966 than were renters (Table 3.20). To the extent that geographic movement is a phenomenon precipitated by economic adversity in the location of origin

hypothesized that receipt of public assistance would be associated with higher-than-average rates of migration. This is in contrast to the relationship hypothesized by some other investigators who have suggested that because of residence requirements for eligibility, the receipt of public assistance inhibits geographic movement. The data are consistent with our form of the hypothesis for blacks (Table 3.21); for whites there are insufficient sample cases of welfare recipients to warrant any conclusion on the matter.²⁷

Table 3.20 Observed Rate of Geographic Movement^(a) between 1966 and 1967, by Home Ownership in 1966 and Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School in Either Year^(b)

| Home owner in 1966 | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Rate of geographic movement | Total number (thousands) | Rate of geographic movement |
| Yes | 660 | 6 | 55 | 0 |
| No | 1,528 | 16 | 195 | 6 |
| Total or average | 2,192 | 13 | 250 | 5 |

a) Percent of respondents whose residence in 1967 was in a county or SMSA different from that in which they resided in 1966.

(b) Includes only respondents who are heads of households.

²⁷ Lansing and Mueller find no support for the alternative hypothesis--i.e., that welfare is immobilizing. The Geographic Mobility of Labor, pp. 323-32. Although not shown in Table 3.21, it is perhaps well to note that migrants were less likely than nonmigrants to be receiving public assistance payment in 1967, though the relationship appears to be statistically significant only for the blacks.

Table 3.21 Observed Rate of Geographic Movement^(a) between 1966 and 1967, by Whether Received Public Assistance in 1966 and Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in school in Either Year

| Receipt of public assistance in 1966 | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Rate of geographic movement | Total number (thousands) | Rate of geographic movement |
| Yes | 88 | 5 | 72 | 17 |
| No | 3,077 | 11 | 462 | 5 |
| Total or average | 3,165 | 11 | 534 | 7 |

(a) Percent of respondents whose residence in 1967 was in a county or SMSA different from that in which they resided in 1966.

Comparative labor market experience, 1966 and 1967 Still another method of testing whether geographic movement is economically functional in the sense of migrants improving their position relative to nonmigrants is to examine their respective labor force status at the two points in time. Hypothesizing that adversity does precipitate movement and that movement does result in relatively improved economic conditions for movers vis-a-vis nonmovers, we would expect migrants to have had a higher unemployment rate in 1966 than nonmigrants and to have reduced their unemployment relative to nonmigrants in 1967. The data are consistent with both hypotheses, irrespective of color group, although it must be admitted that the differences in unemployment rates are exceedingly small and not statistically significant (Table 3.22). Whereas 1966 migrants had a higher rate of unemployment than nonmigrants, in 1967 they had an absolutely as well as relatively lower rate. Among whites, this may be attributable to the fact that the labor force participation rate fell slightly between 1966 and 1967 for those who made a geographic move and rose slightly for those who did not move. In other words, a discouragement effect may have obtained among migrants. Such an interpretation is not possible among blacks, however, since the participation rate of those young black men who changed geographic locations rose in the face of the decline in the unemployment rate. Finally, there is no evidence for either color group that a noninterview bias is operative here which would make the observed relationships

Comparison of Labor Force and Employment Status in Survey Weeks of 1966 and 1967, by Migration Status and Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School in Either Year^(a)

| Migration status | Total number (thousands) | Labor force participation rate | | Unemployment rate | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------------------|------|
| | | 1966 | 1967 | 1966 | 1967 |
| Migrant Nonmigrant Total or average | WHITES | | | | |
| | 355 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 1.7 | 1.0 |
| | 2,800 | 98.7 | 99.0 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| | 3,248 | 98.8 | 99.0 | 1.6 | 1.2 |
| | BLACKS | | | | |
| | 35 | 96.8 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 0.0 |
| | 496 | 96.1 | 97.6 | 2.9 | 5.3 |
| | 540 | 96.2 | 98.0 | 3.1 | 3.0 |

a) Universe excludes those young men who were out of the labor force and reported themselves unable to work.

As would be expected, migration occurs much more frequently among employed youth who make employer changes than among those who do not (Table 3.23). Nevertheless, it is noteworthy that even those who do not change employers include a number of "migrants" in the sense of individuals who change residence across county (or SMSA) lines (1 percent in the case of whites, 3 percent in the case of blacks). Such geographic movement is consistent with job stability because not all changes of residence across county lines are actually changes in labor market area, and also because some geographic moves undoubtedly are caused by job transfer or reassignment which, by definition, do not involve interfirm movement. Little is known for the labor force as a whole, about the proportion of all interfirm job changes that involve geographic movement. It is noteworthy, therefore, that for this age group of young men, about one-fourth of all those who changed employers also changed their residence from one labor market area to another.²⁸ However, that fraction is four times as great as the

²⁸ This is substantially smaller than the estimate by former Secretary of Labor Wirtz that about half of all interfirm shifts involve geographic moves, as noted and discussed in H. S. Parnes, "Labor Force Participation and Labor Mobility," pp. 44-45.

proportion of those who stayed with the same employer while making a geographic move. Reflecting the reassignment phenomenon, white men in their early twenties who moved occupationally within a firm were nearly three times as likely as those who did not change occupations to have changed geographic locations as well.

Table 3.23 Observed Rate of Geographic Movement^(a) between 1966 and 1967, by Selected Aspects of Job Status, 1966 and 1967, and Color: Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School in Either Year^(b)

| Job status aspect | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Total number (thousands) | Rate of geographic movement | Total number (thousands) | Rate of geographic movement |
| <u>Comparison of 2-digit industries, 1966 and 1967</u> | | | | |
| Same | 2,094 | 8 | 260 | 5 |
| Different | 907 | 20 | 205 | 10 |
| Total or average | 3,110 | 11 | 479 | 7 |
| <u>Comparative job status 1966 and 1967</u> | | | | |
| Same employer | 2,071 | 6 | 294 | 3 |
| Same occupation | 1,678 | 4 | 244 | 3 |
| Different occupation | 393 | 11 | 51 | 0 |
| Different employer | 957 | 24 | 177 | 14 |
| Total or average | 3,110 | 11 | 479 | 7 |

(a) Percent of respondents whose residence in 1967 was in a county or SMSA different from that in which they resided in 1966.

(b) Includes only respondents employed in 1966 and 1967.

Other characteristics of the migration process Consistent with the hypothesis that geographic movement is, by and large, a rational, orderly process is our finding that a substantial proportion of migrants had jobs lined up in the destination area prior to actually moving, i.e., more than three-fourths of the whites and more than four-fifths of the blacks (Table 3.24). Moreover, the strong economic motivation for migration among both color groups is evidenced by responses to the inquiry concerning the reasons for the geographic moves. About half of the white migrants and three-fourths of their black counterparts reported such reasons as unemployment and prospects for a better job, while only about

Table 3.24 Selected Characteristics of the Changes of Residence across
County Lines between 1966 and 1967 Surveys, by Color:
Respondents 21 to 25 Years of Age Not Enrolled in School
in Either Year
(Percentage distribution)

| Selected characteristic | WHITES | BLACKS |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| <u>Whether had job lined up</u> | | |
| Yes | 77 | 83 |
| Different job | 35 | 51 |
| Same job, different area | 36 | 14 |
| Transfer | 6 | 17 |
| No | 23 | 17 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 355 | 35 |
| <u>Reported reason for move</u> | | |
| Economic | 50 | 74 |
| Community | 20 | 0 |
| Family | 14 | 15 |
| Combination | 3 | 5 |
| Other | 13 | 6 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 355 | 35 |
| <u>Distance moved (in miles)</u> | | |
| Less than 50 | 26 | 25 |
| 50-99 | 23 | 0 |
| 100-199 | 10 | 0 |
| 200-399 | 13 | 17 |
| 400 or more | 29 | 57 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 355 | 35 |

by no means predominantly for short distances. Only about one-fourth of the geographic moves involved a distance of less than 50 miles and a substantial fraction covered more than 200 miles.

IV SUMMARY

The substantial amount of job movement among out-of-school young men during a 12-month period attests to a considerable flexibility in this segment of the U. S. labor force. During the course of the year between the surveys nearly two-fifths of the youth who were employed at both interview dates made at least one interfirm shift. About one-tenth of them changed residence from one county (or SMSA) to another. Even of those who remained with the same employer, approximately one-fifth changed three-digit occupations. In addition, there is marked association among the several types of movement--e.g., about one-fourth of those who changed employers also changed geographic locations across county (SMSA) lines.

By and large, our hypotheses regarding the conventional correlates of job changing are borne out. There is strong evidence that the process of maturation results in greater stability as rates of geographic and interfirm movement are found to be negatively associated with age, tenure on the job, and length of residence in an area. Furthermore, the three aspects of labor market dynamics examined in this chapter can be characterized as functional in the sense that they result in generally improved situations for those who move. This conclusion is all the more remarkable in view of the fact that the data on which the analysis is based include involuntary as well as voluntary job changes.

CHANGES IN EDUCATIONAL ASPIRATIONS OF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Although there has been a great deal of research on the determinants and consequences of the educational aspirations of youth, analyses of year-to-year changes in such aspirations have been attempted only infrequently.¹ In our earlier report based on the first survey of the young men, we noted that their educational goals were unrealistically high in light of known trends in educational achievement. Over 70 percent of the youth 14 to 17 years old who were enrolled in elementary high school in 1966 wanted at least two years of post-secondary education, while as of 1967 only 38 percent of the young men in the United States between the ages of 20 and 24 had completed as much as a year of college, according to data from the Current Population Survey.²

It appears highly unlikely, then, that all young men in our sample will realize their educational goals. This raises two important questions: What determines whether a young man maintains or changes his educational and occupational goals? What are some of the consequences, particularly with respect to retention in school and later labor market behavior, of either maintaining high aspirations or revising them downward?³ Understanding the relationship between aspirations and later behavior

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1 Among the exceptions is the longitudinal study of tenth graders by Jerald G. Bachman and Associates, reported in Youth in Transition, Vol. 1 (Ann Arbor, Mich.: Institute for Social Research, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan, 1967). A report on the follow-up survey is to be published later this year.

2 Parnes, et al., Career Thresholds, Vol. I, p. 165. The CPS estimate is from U.S. Department of Commerce, Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 169, pp. 9-10.

3 High aspirations are associated with high educational attainment and we know that educational attainment is positively related to occupational assignment and, therefore, to earnings. On the other hand, maintenance of high aspirations in the face of limited opportunities for their realization may be detrimental to mental health and may have other desirable consequences as well.

conscious efforts at change were desirable.

In this chapter we report on a preliminary analysis of intertemporal shifts in educational aspirations and a number of their important correlates. We begin by presenting a conceptual framework for interpreting the empirical relationships. This is followed by a brief examination of the changes in aspiration reported by all youth in the sample who were enrolled in high school in 1967 as well as the reasons given for such changes. We then examine, in turn, the relationship between modification in aspirations and several sets of variables describing personal and familial characteristics of the respondents and the environment in which they live. Most of the analysis is limited to those enrolled in high school in 1967 who aspired to 16 or more years of education in 1966, since in most instances there are insufficient sample cases for a valid cross-tabular analysis of youth with lower aspirations.

I CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Educational goals, their level and the factors which influence them, have been the subject of considerable research conducted by specialists interested in explaining how the social system distributes young people along the spectrum of economic opportunities. Nearly all students of the subject seek to account for individual variation in aspirational levels in terms of personality factors (e.g., general intelligence, conception of self) and environmental conditions (e.g., educational opportunities).⁴ In addition to being affected by achievement motivation, intelligence and other psychological variables, educational and occupational aspirations appear to be related systematically to social class, parental encouragement and area of residence.⁵ Moreover, the influence of these variables on

⁴ See, for example, "Research in Vocational Development," Vocational Aspects of Counselor Education: A Conference Report (Washington, D.C.: George Washington University, 1965); and John Hayes, "Occupational Choice and the Perception of Occupational Roles," Occupational Psychology (January 1969), pp. 15-22.

⁵ William H. Sewell and Vimal P. Shah, "Socioeconomic Status, Intelligence, and the Attainment of Higher Education," Sociology of Education (Winter 1967), pp. 1-23; William H. Sewell and Vimal P. Shah, "Social Class, Parental Encouragement, and Educational Aspirations," The American Journal of Sociology (March 1968), pp. 559-61; and William H. Sewell and Alan M. Orenstein, "Community of Residence and Occupational Choice," The American Journal of Sociology (March 1965), pp. 551-63. Much of the material reported in these articles is from a sample of high school seniors in Wisconsin.

educational aspirations appears to be rather complex. For example, the separate "effect" of socioeconomic status is perhaps greater than that of intelligence for young women, but the opposite may be true for young men.⁶ Boys from rural areas and smaller communities appear to have lower aspirations than those from larger population centers, controlling for socioeconomic status and intelligence.⁷ Finally, there seem to be fairly considerable differences by race in the effect of several variables on educational aspirations.⁸

Despite the importance of educational and occupational goals⁹ and the volume of research on the subject already completed, not all important questions have yet been answered. For one thing, as has been mentioned, little attention has been paid to change in aspirations. Moreover, even with respect to the determinants of aspirational level at a moment of time, it has been suggested that attention be paid to several additional variables: (1) the availability of economic resources; (2) the student's knowledge of opportunities for assistance in furthering his educational objectives; (3) the student's self-conception, particularly his assessment of his chances for success in college; (4) the student's reference group and the value climate in which he lives; and (5) opportunities available in the school and community.¹⁰

Unfortunately, measures are not yet available to us for a number of variables that are important for analyzing aspirations. Results of the

6 Sewell and Shah, "Socioeconomic Status, Intelligence, and the Attainment of Higher Education," p. 1.

7 Sewell and Orenstein, "Community of Residence and Occupational Choice," p. 551.

8 For a review of some of the more interesting studies, see Jeffry Piker, Entry into the Labor Force (Ann Arbor, Michigan: Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, University of Michigan, 1968) pp. 81-87.

9 As Professor Haller has observed, "Taken by themselves, the zero-order correlations between males' adolescent level of educational and/or occupational aspiration and their early adult levels of educational and occupational attainment are not especially high, ranging from +.46 to +.69. However, such early levels of aspiration appear to be more highly correlated with their respective behaviors than other known variables." Archibald O. Haller, "On the Concept of Aspiration," Rural Sociology (December 1968), p. 486. The studies to which he refers are summarized by Haller and Irwin J. Miller, The Occupational Aspiration Scale: Theory, Structure and Correlates, Technical Bulletin 288 (East Lansing, Michigan: Agricultural Experiment Station, Michigan State University, 1963).

10 Sewell and Shah, "Social Class, Parental Encouragement, and Educational Aspiration," p. 572.

time for inclusion here. Moreover, the interview schedules used thus far have not included measures of so-called "peer effects" and parental influence. We are weighing the desirability of probing for such effects through retrospective inquiry in a later survey.¹¹

II CHANGE IN ASPIRATIONS: EXTENT AND REASONS

In the 1966 interview young men enrolled in school were asked, "How much more education would you like to get?" and the question was repeated in identical form in the 1967 survey. Of those enrolled in high school in 1967 who were also in school in 1966, roughly three in ten had revised their educational goals--29 percent of the white youths and 35 percent of the black (Table 4.1). It is noteworthy that downward revision of aspirations between 1966 and 1967 was only slightly more frequent than upward changes, with reductions more common among those who had aspired to college, and increases rather more prevalent for those who had planned on high school graduation only. Among those who in 1967 were high school seniors, raised horizons were more frequent than lowered ones in the case of the whites, while the opposite is true among blacks.

The data are unequivocal on the relative ability of blacks and whites to realize educational goals. Of the estimated 740,000 white male high school seniors who in 1966 aspired to 16 years or more of education, 79 percent were enrolled in college in 1967, 18 percent had left school, and 3 percent remained as seniors. Among 83,000 black seniors in 1966 with the same high aspirations, 48 percent were in college a year later, 41 percent had left school, and 10 percent remained high school seniors.

In 1967, respondents enrolled in high school who reported either higher or lower educational aspirations than those held in 1966 were asked: "Why have you changed your plans?" Nearly half of those who changed their goals cited factors that can be subsumed under the general heading of "interest." "Economic" factors were mentioned by nearly a

¹¹ Had questions concerning the perceived influence of parents been raised in earlier surveys, responses might have been suspect, since other persons were frequently present when the subject was interviewed. According to a special tabulation of interviewer checks at the end of the section of the questionnaire on future job plans, another person was present in approximately one-half the 1966 interviews with youngsters 14 to 17 years of age. However, in the judgment of the Census interviewers, the other person influenced the job plan response in only 3 percent of the cases.

Table 4.1

Comparison of Educational Goals, 1966 and 1967, by High School Grade in 1967,
Educational Goal in 1966, and Color: Respondents Enrolled in High School
in Both Years (a)

(Percentage distribution)

| Comparison of educational goals, 1966 and 1967 | High school grade in 1967 | | | Educational goal in 1966 | | | | Total or average | |
|--|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------------|-------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------|--|
| | 9 or 10 | 11 | 12 | 11 years or less | 12 years | 14 years | 16 years or more | | |
| WHITES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1967 higher than 1966 | 11 | 13 | 17 | 100 | 28 | 21 | 6 | 14 | |
| 1967 same as 1966 | 75 | 70 | 69 | 0 | 72 | 57 | 74 | 71 | |
| 1967 lower than 1966 | 14 | 17 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 20 | 15 | |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | |
| Total number (thousands) | 999 | 1,423 | 1,435 | 19 | 997 | 447 | 2,378 | 3,857 | |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | | | |
| 1967 higher than 1966 | 19 | 14 | 12 | 100 | 26 | 31 | 4 | 15 | |
| 1967 same as 1966 | 64 | 66 | 66 | 0 | 74 | 49 | 64 | 65 | |
| 1967 lower than 1966 | 17 | 20 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 32 | 20 | |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | |
| Total number (thousands) | 201 | 214 | 186 | 3 | 198 | 66 | 332 | 601 | |

(a) Includes a few respondents who were in elementary school in 1966.

fifth of the changers. Other responses were classified under the headings of "ability," "military service," "nothing particular," and so forth. Among both blacks and whites who revised their aspirations downward, a higher-than-average proportion mentioned "ability," "military service," and "no particular reason" for the change. Looked at somewhat differently, "economic" reasons and "interest" were more often cited by those revising their goals upward than downward.

III CORRELATES OF CHANGE

We turn now to an examination of a number of factors that appear to be related to a downward revision in educational aspirations among those in high school in 1967 who had aspired to 16 years or more of education when first interviewed in 1966.

Family Background

It was anticipated that stability of educational aspirations would be related to levels of family income. More specifically, high aspirations are less realistic (and hence more likely to be revised downward over time) among youth from low income families than among those who are better off financially.¹² This expectation is confirmed by the data in Table 4.2 for white youth, but not for black. For example, 29 percent of the whites in families earning between \$3,000 and \$5,999 revised their goals downward, while only 11 percent of those in families earning \$15,000 or more did so.¹³ Among the blacks, the opposite relationship between family income and goal modification prevailed. While there are insufficient sample cases in the two highest income categories for confident estimates, 45 percent of those in families with incomes between \$6,000 and \$9,999 revised their educational goals downward compared to only 28 percent and 23 percent of those in the two lower income categories (\$3,000 to \$5,999 and less than \$3,000, respectively). Possible reasons for this rather puzzling relationship are considered below.

12 Unlike father's education, family income is not a static variable. We intend at some time to examine the relationship between aspirational change and changes in family income. Income is an imperfect indicator of financial ability, however, since family assets and power to borrow are ignored. The latter may be especially important, and in some cases (e.g., loans based on financial need) it may be inversely correlated with other income.

13 Moreover, less than 1 percent of the former but 7 percent of the latter had higher aspirations in the second year.

Although obviously intercorrelated with each other and with family income, a father's education and occupation are known to be positively related to level of aspiration.¹⁴ Looking only at the simple relationship, there is also a positive association between stability of high aspirations and father's educational level (Table 4.2). For example, among white youth with college aspirations whose father had less than 12 years of schooling, 30 percent revised their goals downward between 1966 and 1967; in contrast, the corresponding percentage of youth whose fathers had college degrees was only 11 percent. Among blacks, those whose fathers had less than 12 years of education were more likely than the sons of high school graduates to shift their horizons downward (36 versus 18 percent). The number of sample cases with fathers who had completed college is insufficient to warrant any generalization about youth in this category.

Father's occupation also bears the expected relationship to stability of educational aspirations among white youth: 29 percent of those with fathers in blue-collar jobs, but only 14 percent of those whose fathers are in the white-collar occupations shifted their educational goals downward. There are too few sample cases in the white-collar category to permit a confident statement about the relationship in the case of blacks; but it is interesting that, as in the case of income, the relationship appears to be the opposite of that which prevails for the whites.

We are not at all confident about the interpretation that should be placed on the intercolor difference that has been described in the relationship between family income and stability of educational aspirations. The difference, of course, may not be a real one. It may be attributable to sampling variation, or it may simply reflect a greater tendency for poor black than poor white youngsters to have registered a downward revision in educational goals by dropping out of school and thus disappearing from the universe tabulated in Table 4.2. To the extent that the intercolor differences in the relationship is genuine--and, additional tabulations that are not now available will permit us to test this--the data may mean that poor black youngsters cling more tenaciously than white to unrealistic appraisals of their chances for education until they actually encounter the barriers (e.g. grades, money) which prevent realization of educational ambitions. Other plausible explanations come to mind, but all are highly speculative in the absence of additional tabulations which would allow us to test their validity.

Age, Information, and Curriculum

Whether a young man altered his educational goals between the first and second interviews also is markedly related to his age, his high

¹⁴ Irving Krauss, "Sources of Educational Aspirations Among Working Class Youth," American Sociological Review (December 1964), pp. 867-79.

Table 4.2

Proportion Lowering Educational Aspirations between 1966 and 1967, by Selected Family Characteristics and Color: Respondents Enrolled in High School Both Years^(a) Who Aspired to 16 or More Years of Education in 1966

| Characteristic | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| | Total number aspiring to 16 or more years in 1966 (thousands) | Percent with lower aspirations in 1967 | Total number aspiring to 16 or more years in 1966 | Percent with lower aspirations in 1967 |
| <u>1966 total family income^(b)</u> | | | | |
| Less than \$3,000 | 59 | 36 | 61 | 23 |
| \$3,000-5,999 | 299 | 29 | 130 | 28 |
| \$6,000-9,999 | 721 | 22 | 89 | 45 |
| \$10,000-14,999 | 719 | 18 | 24 | 19 |
| \$15,000 or more | 480 | 11 | 11 | 0 |
| Total or average | 2,278 | 20 | 315 | 30 |
| <u>Highest year of school completed by father^(c)</u> | | | | |
| 11 or less | 619 | 30 | 132 | 36 |
| 12 | 861 | 17 | 53 | 18 |
| 13-15 | 220 | 13 | 11 | 36 |
| 16 or more | 400 | 11 | 14 | 57 |
| Total or average | 2,136 | 19 | 222 | 32 |
| <u>Occupation of father^(d)</u> | | | | |
| White-collar | 1,148 | 14 | 36 | 37 |
| Blue-collar | 762 | 29 | 141 | 30 |
| Service | 52 | 15 | 20 | 68 |
| Farm | 115 | 19 | 18 | 23 |
| Total or average | 2,378 | 20 | 332 | 32 |

- (a) Includes a few respondents who were enrolled in elementary school in 1966.
 (b) Includes only respondents living with family members other than wife.
 (c) Includes only respondents who lived with their fathers at age 14.
 (d) Refers to head of household if different from father.

school curriculum, the extent of his labor market information, and his exposure to reading materials in the home (Table 4.3). The last three of these, however, are not only correlated with each other, but also with measures of socioeconomic status reviewed in the previous section. We cannot be confident at this point, therefore, that the simple associations that are evident in Table 4.3 actually reflect the independent influence of each of these variables.

So far as age is concerned, there is no substantial relationship with likelihood of change in educational aspiration for white youth, but for black youth it is pronounced. Nearly half (45 percent) of the black 15 year olds in 1967 had revised their aspirations downward while only a quarter (25 percent) of the 16 and 17 year olds did so (Table 4.3). Knowing the age at which large numbers of black youngsters reduce their educational goals also may add meaning to the relationship between high school curriculum and stability of aspirations. It is rather common for tracking to begin after the ninth grade, and the fact that a large proportion of black youth is concentrated in the so-called general curriculum may be related to the modification in educational goal manifest in the responses of many in the youngest age group--those who were 15 years old in 1967. Youth in both color groups who were enrolled in the general curriculum in 1966 are more likely to have lowered their aspirations than those enrolled in the college preparatory curriculum (Table 4.3). While the differences are not large, 24 percent of the whites and 37 percent of the blacks in the general curriculum revised their aspirations downward, compared to 17 percent of the whites and 31 percent of the blacks in the college preparatory curriculum.

The first survey of the young men employed a measure of their occupational information. It was expected that those with greater "knowledge of the world of work" would have more realistic occupational aspirations and would be "...more likely to be able to translate a given aspiration into reality."¹⁵ While this relationship remains to be tested with labor force data from future surveys, we are able to examine the simple relationship between the extent of occupational knowledge and likelihood of a downward revision in educational aspiration. White youth who scored low on the occupational information test are more likely than those whose scores were medium or high to have revised their educational aspirations downward--27 percent versus 18 percent (Table 4.3). Furthermore.

Table 4.3 Proportion Lowering Educational Aspirations between 1966 and 1967,
by Selected Personal Characteristics: Respondents Enrolled in
High School Both Years^(a) Who Aspired to 16 or More Years of
Education in 1966

| Characteristic | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| | Total number aspiring to 16 or more years in 1966 (thousands) | Percent with lower aspira- tions in 1967 | Total number aspiring to 16 or more years in 1966 (thousands) | Percent with lower aspira- tions in 1967 |
| <u>1967 age</u> | | | | |
| 15 years | 998 | 18 | 108 | 45 |
| 16-17 years | 1,315 | 20 | 202 | 25 |
| 18 years or older | 65 | 44 | 23 | 31 |
| Total or average | 2,378 | 20 | 332 | 32 |
| <u>High school curriculum^(b)</u> | | | | |
| Vocational | 73 | 17 | 22 | 16 |
| Commercial | 20 | 77 | 12 | 8 |
| College preparatory | 1,355 | 17 | 107 | 31 |
| General | 817 | 24 | 169 | 37 |
| Total or average | 2,344 | 20 | 321 | 33 |
| <u>Occupation information score</u> | | | | |
| Low | 598 | 27 | 190 | 29 |
| Medium | 1,261 | 18 | 118 | 41 |
| High | 519 | 17 | 25 | 8 |
| Total or average | 2,378 | 20 | 332 | 32 |
| <u>Exposure to reading material at age 14</u> | | | | |
| Had newspapers, magazines, library card | 1,856 | 17 | 144 | 38 |
| Lacked any 1 | 423 | 30 | 87 | 26 |
| Lacked any 2 or 3 | 95 | 26 | 100 | 28 |
| Total or average | 2,378 | 20 | 332 | 32 |

(a) Includes a few respondents who were enrolled in elementary school in 1966.

(b) Includes only respondents who have completed one or more years of high school.

In the first survey, respondents were asked to indicate whether they or their parents had a library card and regularly received magazines and newspapers when they (the respondents) were 14 years of age. We anticipated that those who lacked all three of these advantages would be most likely to revise their aspirations downward because they would tend to be among the youth least likely to be aware of the importance of educational attainment in contemporary society. The data are consistent with this expectation for whites, but, once again, not for blacks (Table 4.3). Among white youth, those who had access to all three forms of information were less likely to have lowered (and somewhat more likely to have raised) their aspirations than those who lacked any one of them (17 percent versus 30 percent). But, among the blacks the relationship is reversed. Thirty-eight percent of those who had access to all three forms of information revised their expectations downward compared to only 26 percent of those who lacked any one and 28 percent of those who lacked any two.

Educational Expectations

After being queried in the 1966 survey about how much education they would "like to get," respondents were asked: "As things now stand, how much more education do you think you will actually get?" About a fifth of the white and over a fourth of the black youth who aspired to 16 or more years of education in 1966 actually expected to get less (Table 4.4). As anticipated, a larger proportion of these youth than of those whose expectations equalled or exceeded their aspirations revised their goals downward between 1966 and 1967. This tendency was especially pronounced among the whites, where two-fifths of those whose 1966 expectations fell below their aspirations had reduced their aspirations by 1967, while lowered aspirations occurred among only 14 percent of the others. In the case of the blacks, the difference was not nearly so great. Of those whose 1966 expectations were below their aspirations, 38 percent lowered their goals in 1967; but this was also true of 30 percent of the others. The data suggest that, by and large, aspirations are brought into line with expectations as youths move through adolescence, gain information, and begin to face problems or barriers to realization of their goals.

Occupational Goal

Given the strong vocational orientation of higher education in this country, one expects (and, indeed, finds) a substantial correlation between educational and occupational goals. In both 1966 and 1967, respondents were asked: "Now I would like to talk to you about your future job plans. What kind of work would you like to be doing when you are 30 years old?" Those who in 1966 expressed a goal of 16 or more years of school, but who in 1967 declared their occupational goal to be outside the white-collar category are much more likely than others to have revised their educational goals downward--39 percent of the whites and 41 percent of the blacks (Table 4.5). Rather large proportions

Table 4.4

Comparison of Educational Goals, 1966 and 1967, by Educational Expectations in 1966, Comparison of Expectations and Aspirations in 1966, and Color: Respondents Enrolled in High School Both Years^(a) Who Aspired to 16 or More Years of Education in 1966

(Percentage distribution)

| Comparison of educational goals, 1966 and 1967 | Educational expectations, 1966 | | | Comparison of aspirations and expectations, 1966 | | Total or average |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------|
| | College 2 or less | College 4 | College 6 or more | Expected same as or more than desired | Expected less than desired | |
| 1967 higher than 1966 1967 same as 1966 1967 lower than 1966 Total percent Total number (thousands) | WHITES | | | | | |
| | 3 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 6 |
| | 57 | 80 | 68 | 79 | 57 | 74 |
| | 40 | 12 | 28 | 14 | 40 | 20 |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 368 | 1,500 | 503 | 1,872 | 487 | 2,378 |
| | BLACKS | | | | | |
| | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| | 58 | 71 | 33 | 66 | 58 | 64 |
| | 40 | 23 | 63 | 30 | 38 | 32 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 79 | 216 | 37 | 249 | 84 | 332 |

(a) Includes a few respondents enrolled in elementary school in 1966.

both color groups had not yet made up their minds on occupational goals, yet whites and blacks in this category are quite different with respect to the stability of educational goals between 1966 and 1967. The white youth who have not yet defined their occupational goals differ relatively little from those wanting to be in white-collar positions, suggesting that many of these youngsters may simply have been undecided on a specific managerial-professional career. On the other hand, blacks who do not know what occupation they wish to hold at age 30 are more likely than those in any other category to have reduced their educational aspirations between 1966 and 1967, perhaps indicating lack of information, discouraged plans, actual ambivalence about attempting college, or some other factors.

Table 4.5 Comparison of Educational Goals, 1966 and 1967, by Occupational Goal in 1967, and Color: Respondents Enrolled in High School Both Years^(a) Who Aspired to 16 or More Years of Education in 1966

(Percentage distribution)

| Comparison of educational goals, 1966 and 1967 | White-collar | All other ^(b) | Don't know | Total or average |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|------------|------------------|
| WHITES | | | | |
| 1967 higher than 1966 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 1967 same as 1966 | 76 | 57 | 83 | 74 |
| 1967 lower than 1966 | 16 | 39 | 16 | 20 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 1,552 | 277 | 283 | 2,378 |
| BLACKS | | | | |
| 1967 higher than 1966 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| 1967 same as 1966 | 72 | 56 | 47 | 64 |
| 1967 lower than 1966 | 22 | 41 | 53 | 32 |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total number (thousands) | 211 | 54 | 57 | 332 |

(a) Includes a few respondents who were enrolled in elementary school in 1966.

(b) Includes those who want to be in the armed forces.

Geographic Characteristics

Whether a white adolescent lives in the central city of a metropolitan community, in the suburbs, or, for that matter, in

town bears little relationship to the stability of his educational aspirations from one year to the next (Table 4.6). The same cannot be said, however, of black youth: those living in small cities or rural areas were considerably more likely than others to have lowered their educational goals between 1966 and 1967.

III SUMMARY

There was a rather substantial gross change in the level of educational aspirations of high school students between 1966 and 1967. Among the total group of white youngsters who were enrolled in high school in both years 15 percent lowered their educational objectives, while the corresponding proportion among blacks was fully one-fifth. Nevertheless, it is noteworthy that approximately 14 percent of both color groups raised their sights for additional education. Thus, the net decline in educational aspirations for those who stayed in school was rather modest: between 1 and 2 percent. This decline is very small, given the fact that the 1966 aspirations of youth in school were unrealistically high in light of historic trends in educational attainment.¹⁷

Reductions in educational goals were especially common among youths who initially wished to obtain some amount of post-secondary education. On the other hand, substantial increases occurred among those who aspired to either 12 years of school or two years of college. In fact, those who had said in 1966 that they wanted two years of college were equally likely to change goals in either direction.

An examination of a number of correlates of aspirational change reveals an intriguing paradox. Among white youth aspiring to 16 or more years of education in 1966, reductions in educational goals were associated with a number of measures of low socioeconomic status: low family income, father being a blue-collar worker, father having less than a twelfth grade education, and the respondent's family lacking regular access to either a newspaper, magazine, or a library card. On the other hand, reduced educational goals of black youth were especially prevalent among those in families in a middle-income category (\$6,000-\$9,999 per year). Several other of the measures of socioeconomic status display essentially the same inconsistency between the color groups.

We intend to examine these variables more intensively within a multivariate framework. For the moment, however, it is important to recognize the often small number of sample cases underlying some of the

¹⁷ Despite high aspirations, many youngsters fail to "make it." Of the high school seniors in 1966 who aspired to 16 or more years of education, only 79 percent of the whites and 48 percent of the blacks were enrolled in college at the time of the 1967 survey.

Table 4.6 Proportion Lowering Educational Aspirations between 1966 and 1967,
by Selected Residential Characteristics in 1967 and Color:
Respondents Enrolled in High School Both Years^(a) Who Aspired
to 16 or More Years of Education in 1966

| Characteristic | WHITES | | BLACKS | |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| | Total number aspiring to 16 or more years in 1966 (thousands) | Percent with lower aspira- tions in 1967 | Total number aspiring to 16 or more years in 1966 (thousands) | Percent with lower aspira- tions in 1967 |
| <u>Area of residence</u> | | | | |
| Central city of SMSA | 481 | 21 | 182 | 29 |
| Outside central city | 947 | 19 | 42 | 26 |
| Outside SMSA | 949 | 20 | 108 | 39 |
| Total or average | 2,378 | 20 | 332 | 32 |
| <u>Size of labor force in local labor market</u> | | | | |
| 500,000 or more | 609 | 16 | 111 | 29 |
| 100,000-499,999 | 625 | 24 | 98 | 29 |
| Less than 100,000 | 1,117 | 20 | 123 | 36 |
| Total or average | 2,378 | 20 | 332 | 32 |

a) Includes a few respondents who were enrolled in elementary school in 1966.

relationships that have been described and the fact that we have only examined the simple relationships between aspirational change and other variables. Moreover, it may be that a disproportionately large number of blacks in low income families who had aspired to college in 1966 but who revised their goals downward between 1966 and 1967 had already dropped out of school. The data in this chapter, it must be remembered, refer only to those youths who remained in high school in 1967, and had we examined the changes in aspirations of all youngsters who were in school at the time of the first survey we might have found no intercolor difference.

On the other hand, if we assume that the differences between whites and blacks in the types of relationships that have been found are real, what might account for them? There are several possible explanations, but each remains highly speculative in the absence of more refined analysis of the data. Poor blacks may cling more tenaciously than their white counterparts to unrealistically high educational goals. At the same time, compared to middle income whites equally prosperous blacks may be concentrated in circumstances which are inimical to realization of educational ambitions. Relative to the whites in this income group a disproportionately large number of the blacks may be in the twelfth grade, (where downward revision in goals is most common), may be attending inadequate schools, or may face more serious entry barriers to college.

CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS

In this concluding chapter, some of the findings which hold the most interesting implications for policy and additional analysis are highlighted briefly. Inasmuch as each of the previous chapters contains its own summary, effort is made here to restate all of the results presented in the report.

The age span covered in the survey includes those years of a young man's life in which he first becomes integrated into the world of work. This is a critical period in the total socialization process. The young man's subsequent labor market behavior is influenced substantially by his educational and early labor market experiences. In this report we have begun an analysis of these experiences by focusing on the magnitude and character of various changes that have occurred over a one-year period--in school enrollment status, labor force participation, unemployment experience, occupational and interfirm mobility, and educational aspirations.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND ASPIRATIONS

The data pertaining to educational attainment and to decisions regarding dropping out of, returning to, and continuing in school suggest the important influence of family income and other indicators of socioeconomic status, especially for the transition from high school to college. Black young men generally were more likely than white to abandon the educational process, a hardly surprising result in view of their relatively disadvantaged positions in the socioeconomic hierarchy. When controls are introduced for various indicators of socioeconomic status, differences between white and black youth in tendency to drop out of high school are diminished and in some cases actually reversed, but blacks continue to be much less likely than whites to continue their normal education beyond high school--at least within each of the broad categories of socioeconomic status that have been used in the analysis. In this regard, the variable referred to as "exposure to reading material" performs somewhat better than other indicators of social class, and we shall be interested in exploring its relationship to the other measures at a later date.

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The socioeconomic status of the family also emerges as a highly influential factor in explaining the changes in educational aspiration that occurred among high school students between the 1966 and 1967 interviews. Downward revision of aspirations was most prevalent among those whose 1966 educational goals were highest and whose family backgrounds appeared to be least supportive, as indicated by income levels and various other measures of socioeconomic status. These relationships, however, are somewhat more complex for black than for white young men.

These developments in school attendance and in educational aspirations during the course of the year were largely as anticipated. We are unsure at this time, however, about the ultimate relationship between aspirations and actual educational attainment. While maintenance of high goals may condition a young man's perseverance in school, it is clear, particularly for the blacks, that such aspirations are frequently frustrated. The significance of this finding is that it forewarns of the limited results which may accrue when programs designed to increase average educational attainment in the short run are directed only at altering the motivational structure of dropout-prone young men.

There are, of course, factors other than socioeconomic status which influence educational attainment. In future reports data gathered through a special survey of the characteristics of the high schools attended by the respondents will be used to determine the extent to which school environment may influence educational goals and attainment. Scores from mental ability tests of young men, collected in the same survey, will also be used. To the extent that they may be considered measures of scholastic aptitude, they will be employed in an attempt to ascertain the influence of that factor on progression through the school system.

II CHANGES IN LABOR MARKET EXPERIENCE

For the age group of young men under consideration, the passage of one year can make a great deal of difference in labor market status. Between the dates of the two interviews there is evidence of a substantial increase in the extent of labor force participation by the cohort, particularly on the part of those who were in their early teens at the time of the first survey. Moreover, on the basis of comparisons of cross-sectional CPS data with the longitudinal data for the same two time periods, there also appears to be a moderate reduction in the susceptibility of the youth to unemployment, holding demand conditions constant.

The fact that a substantial portion of the age cohort left school between the two surveys is the most important single factor accounting for the increase in labor force participation and for the relative improvement in unemployment experience. Nevertheless, this factor alone does not account for all of the change. Evidently, the mere process of maturation--with all that it implies for knowledge, skills, attitudes, and experience--enhances the attractiveness of young men as workers, or at least their ability to operate successfully in the job market. Of course,

period from 1966 to 1967 was characterized by a generally strong demand for labor. Thus, we cannot say at this point whether the beneficial "effect" found here for this cohort would have been present had the demand for their services been less intense.

The tendency for many young men to experiment with various types of jobs as they attempt to actualize their occupational preferences is well known. Our findings on job mobility are consistent with this interpretation of early labor market behavior. Those who were out of school and employed at the time of both the 1966 and 1967 surveys changed employers, geographical locations, and occupations in relatively large numbers. Nearly two-fifths made at least one interfirm change, and some one-fourth of this group relocated across county or SMSA boundaries. Furthermore, about 20 percent of those who remained with the same employer were involved in movement between three-digit occupational categories.

While there has been a great deal of research and policy interest in career patterns and dead-end jobs, occupational movement within establishments has only recently become a subject of careful empirical research. Our results show that the rate of such movement is quite high for young men: indeed, two-and-one-half times as high as that measured in the CPS for the same age cohort over a comparable period of time. We attribute this to differences in the data collection process between the two surveys, and believe that the estimate produced by this survey is probably superior to that generated by the CPS for this segment of the labor force. Overall, the occupational changes within firms were predominantly in the direction of "net economic advantage," and those who made such changes were more likely than nonchangers to have expressed increased satisfaction with their jobs. No significant intercolor differences were found in the rate or the direction of occupational movements over the one-year period.

Even though the data on interfirm movement include both voluntary and involuntary shifts, it can be said that the changes were for the most part beneficial, both psychologically and economically. Even within the narrow age range represented by the sample, the incidence of these interfirm shifts diminished with increasing age, suggesting that the early process of labor market experimentation as well as the effects of education and work experience contribute substantially to employment stability.

Our findings, then, point to positive as well as negative aspects of the operation of the labor market for youth. Take, for example, the problem of unemployment. It is true that, on average, youth suffer high rates of joblessness and that the problem is especially severe for blacks. Nevertheless, it must also be recognized that a substantial portion of unemployment among youth occurs while they are still in school and antedates their transition to the status of full-time workers. Indeed, the labor market experience that many young men have while in school appears to be helpful when they ultimately make this transition.

As another measure, consider the high rates of interfirm and occupational movement among young men who are no longer in school. It is undoubtedly true that some portion of this process of shifting is attributable to inappropriate early job choices, and to this extent may be viewed as reflecting imperfections in the labor market mechanism. On the other hand, these high rates of movement, coupled with the generally favorable character of the changes that are made, testify to a healthy flexibility that permits early mistakes to be rectified and improvements in status to be made. The fact that rates of job changing decline substantially with advancing age even within the very narrow age range under consideration suggests that by the time they have reached their mid-twenties most young men, on the basis of experimentation with a variety of possibilities, have arrived at more realistic assessments of their labor force potential and have obtained jobs reasonably acceptable to them in light of their evolutionary career plans.

In any case, it is worthy of note that for the total age group 19 to 25 years of age who were not enrolled in school at the time of either the 1966 or the 1967 survey--irrespective of their educational attainment--four-fifths had experienced no unemployment in the intervening year and almost three-fourths had worked at least 50 weeks. Moreover, of all these youth who were employed in wage and salary jobs at the time of both surveys, well over half were earning over \$2.50 per hour at the time of the 1967 interview. Thus, the evidence suggests that for a large majority of young men the labor market operates reasonably effectively in integrating them into the world of work. This, of course, provides no basis for complacency with respect to the minority of youngsters for whom this is not true. One of our objectives as the longitudinal study progresses is to identify this latter group and, on the basis of an analysis of their characteristics and experiences, to be able to suggest measures for mitigating their labor market problems.

APPENDIXES

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Factory Note

The tables in this report have a number of characteristics that deserve some comment. In a study of this kind, interest generally focuses on relative rather than absolute magnitudes, e.g., the portions of white men and of black men who have a given characteristic, rather than their numbers. Accordingly, data in virtually all tables are presented in terms of percentages. In all cases, however, the base of 1 percentage is shown, so that its statistical reliability can be estimated. In calculating percentage distributions, cases for which no information was obtained are excluded from the total. This amounts to assuming that those who did not respond to a particular question do not differ in any relevant respect from those who did.¹ All percentage distributions, therefore, should add up to 100 percent; when they do not, this is because of rounding. It should be observed, however, that when absolute numbers do not add to the indicated total, the difference is attributable (unless otherwise noted) to cases for which no information was obtained, as well as to rounding.

Percentages in most tables have been rounded to the nearest whole percentage point. To record them to the nearest tenth would clutter the tables unnecessarily and create the impression of a degree of accuracy that does not in fact exist. To be statistically significant, differences in percentages in this study generally have to be at least several percentage points; thus, there is not much purpose in expressing percentages to the nearest tenth of a point. There are a few exceptions to this general rule. For example, because labor force participation rates are so high and their bases so large, their standard errors are quite small; hence very small differences may be significant.

With rare exceptions, our tables involve at least three-way cross-classifications in which color is almost always one of the variables. The purpose is generally to ascertain how an independent variable interacts with color to "explain" some aspect of labor market behavior. For example, are marital status and labor force participation related in the same way for black men as for white men? Since we are much more interested

¹ Nonresponse rates exceed 10 percent in only a very few tables. In these cases, nonresponse bias, if suspected, has been taken into account in the interpretation.

in this type of question than in the relation between two variables for the total population irrespective of color, most of our tables omit the totals for blacks and whites combined. It might be mentioned that because of the overwhelming numerical importance of the whites, the distribution of the total population by any variable resembles very closely the distribution of the whites.

Percentages are shown in all table cells no matter how small the base (and, thus, no matter how statistically unreliable the percentage may be). As a result, there are instances in which the data appear to show a relationship which almost certainly is not real. In our interpretations, of course, we are mindful of sampling error and as a rough rule of thumb we are inclined not to say anything about percentages based upon fewer than 50 sample cases, for sampling error in such instances may be very high. For example, the standard error of a percentage in the neighborhood of 50 is about 10 percentage points when the base is 50 sample cases; for percentages near 5 or 95, the standard error is about 4 percentage points. The reader who wishes to observe the same cautions in interpreting the tables should keep in mind that the "blown up" population figure corresponding to 50 sample cases is approximately 188 thousand for whites and about 68 thousand for blacks.

Table A-1 continued

Attrition Rate (Percent) 1967 Survey, by Reason and by Selected Characteristics of Respondents in 1966

| Characteristic, 1966 | Total number, (a) 1966 (thousands) | Noninterview rate | | | Armed forces | Total attrition rate |
|--|--|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| | | Refusal | Unable to locate ^(b) | Total or average | | |
| Out of labor force in survey week | 4,981 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 3.6 | 5.7 |
| Whites | 4,355 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 3.7 | 5.5 |
| Blacks | 626 | 1.3 | 2.7 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 6.9 |
| Worked 52 weeks in past 12 months | 5,037 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 7.7 |
| Whites | 4,504 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 6.7 |
| Blacks | 533 | 0.6 | 8.6 | 9.2 | 6.6 | 15.8 |
| Worked 0-6 weeks in past 12 months | 1,217 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 7.8 |
| Whites | 1,062 | 2.9 | 1.7 | 4.6 | 3.0 | 7.5 |
| Blacks | 155 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 9.7 |
| No weeks of unemployment in past 12 months | 12,269 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 3.1 | 5.8 | 8.9 |
| Whites | 10,788 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 5.9 | 8.7 |
| Blacks | 1,481 | 0.7 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 10.3 |
| 15 or more weeks of unemployment in past 12 months | 1,142 | 3.1 | 1.9 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 10.4 |
| Whites | 982 | 3.4 | 1.7 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 10.2 |
| Blacks | 160 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 3.8 | 7.5 | 11.9 |
| No weeks out of labor force in past 12 months | 6,320 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 8.6 |
| Whites | 5,557 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 7.8 |
| Blacks | 763 | 0.9 | 7.2 | 8.1 | 5.6 | 13.8 |
| 27+ weeks out of labor force in past 12 months | 4,843 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 2.9 | 5.8 | 8.7 |
| Whites | 4,228 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 5.8 | 8.7 |
| Blacks | 615 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 5.5 | 8.5 |
| White-collar workers | 3,800 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 7.1 |
| Whites | 3,558 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 7.1 |
| Blacks | 242 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 6.6 |
| Blue-collar workers | 7,425 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 6.7 | 10.0 |
| Whites | 6,466 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 6.8 | 9.8 |
| Blacks | 959 | 1.4 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 11.9 |

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| Characteristic, 1966 | Total number, (a) 1966 (thousands) | Noninterview rate | | | Armed forces | Total attrition rate |
|--|--|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| | | Refusal | Unable to locate (b) | Total or average | | |
| Private wage and salary workers | 12,073 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 3.5 | 6.0 | 9.6 |
| Whites | 10,584 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 3.2 | 6.1 | 9.2 |
| Blacks | 1,489 | 1.1 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 11.8 |
| Government workers | 1,351 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 5.8 | 7.6 |
| Whites | 1,132 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| Blacks | 219 | 0.5 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 5.5 |
| Length of service | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 year | 7,786 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 3.5 | 6.9 | 10.5 |
| Whites | 6,694 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 3.2 | 7.2 | 10.4 |
| Blacks | 1,092 | 1.2 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 10.7 |
| 3 years or more | 1,991 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 7.3 |
| Whites | 1,764 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 4.4 | 6.8 |
| Blacks | 227 | 0.9 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 10.6 |
| Attitude toward job | | | | | | |
| Like job | 5,326 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 4.1 | 6.0 | 10.1 |
| Whites | 4,605 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 3.3 | 6.2 | 9.5 |
| Blacks | 721 | 1.4 | 7.5 | 8.9 | 4.9 | 13.7 |
| Dislike job | 585 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 11.3 | 16.6 |
| Whites | 468 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 12.0 | 16.5 |
| Blacks | 117 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 8.5 | 17.1 |
| Income of respondent past 12 months | | | | | | |
| Less than \$3,000 | 9,110 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 3.2 | 7.0 | 10.2 |
| Whites | 7,816 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 7.2 | 10.2 |
| Blacks | 1,294 | 1.1 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 10.2 |
| \$3,000 or more | 4,198 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 7.3 |
| Whites | 3,869 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 6.8 |
| Blacks | 329 | 2.1 | 4.9 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 14.0 |
| High school curriculum | | | | | | |
| Vocational, commercial | 1,359 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 4.1 | 9.5 | 13.6 |
| Whites | 1,093 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 10.0 | 14.0 |
| Blacks | 266 | 0.4 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 7.5 | 12.0 |
| College preparatory | 5,801 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 7.0 |
| Whites | 5,442 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 6.9 |
| Blacks | 359 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 5.6 | 8.1 |
| General | 6,890 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 6.1 | 9.6 |
| Whites | 5,855 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 3.1 | 6.3 | 9.4 |
| Blacks | 1,035 | 1.5 | 4.2 | 5.7 | 5.2 | |

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Table A-1 continued

Attrition Rate (Percent), 1967 Survey, by Reason and by
Selected Characteristics of Respondents in 1966

| Characteristic, 1966 | Total number, ^(a) 1966 (thousands) | Noninterview rate | | | Armed forces | Total attrition rate |
|---|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| | | Refusal | Unable to locate ^(b) | Total or average | | |
| Educational goal | | | | | | |
| High school ⁴ | 1,791 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 6.4 |
| Whites | 1,495 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 6.6 |
| Blacks | 296 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 3.7 | 5.7 |
| College ⁴ | 3,734 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 5.0 | 7.7 |
| Whites | 3,323 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 5.2 | 7.9 |
| Blacks | 411 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 6.3 |
| Living arrangement at age 14 | | | | | | |
| With father and mother | 13,163 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 5.2 | 8.0 |
| Whites | 11,976 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 5.3 | 8.0 |
| Blacks | 1,187 | 1.3 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 3.4 | 8.4 |
| With mother only | 1,420 | 0.4 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 5.1 | 8.6 |
| Whites | 961 | 0.1 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 7.6 |
| Blacks | 459 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 7.2 | 10.7 |
| Had newspaper, magazines, library card at age 14 | 9,213 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 5.2 | 7.5 |
| Whites | 8,572 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 2.2 | 5.2 | 7.4 |
| Blacks | 641 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 9.4 |
| Lacked newspaper, magazines, library card at age 14 | 865 | 1.2 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 3.9 | 9.8 |
| Whites | 470 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 9.4 |
| Blacks | 395 | 0.5 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 3.3 | 10.4 |
| Resided in large labor market area ^(c) | 4,193 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 4.3 | 5.7 | 10.1 |
| Whites | 3,629 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 4.0 | 5.7 | 9.7 |
| Blacks | 564 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 12.4 |
| Resided in small labor market area ^(d) | 7,541 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 4.6 | 7.2 |
| Whites | 6,633 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 4.9 | 7.1 |
| Blacks | 908 | 0.8 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 2.8 | 7.8 |

(a) Figures in this column are population estimates based on number of respondents in 1966.

(b) Includes a few respondents inaccessible to the interviewer even though their location was ascertained.

(c) A large labor market area contains a labor force of 500,000 people or more.

(d) A small labor market area contains a labor force of less than 100,000 people.

Table A-2 Labor Force Participation Rate and Unemployment Rate of Men 14 to 24 Years of Age in the Civilian Noninstitutional Population According to Current Population Survey, by School Enrollment Status, Age, and Color, October 1966 and October 1967^(a)
(Numbers in thousands)

| Labor force employment status | Enrolled | | | Not enrolled | | | Total or average | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------|-------------------------|--------------|-------|-------------------------|------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| | 10/66 | 10/67 | 10/67 minus 10/66 | 10/66 | 10/67 | 10/67 minus 10/66 | 10/66 | 10/67 | 10/67 minus 10/66 |
| WHITES | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 3,158 | 3,247 | | 39 | 49 | | 3,197 | 3,296 | |
| Labor force participation rate | 17.3 | 17.8 | +0.5 | 43.6 | 36.7 | -6.9 | 17.6 | 18.1 | +0.5 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.1 | 12.5 | +7.4 | 0.0 | 33.3 | +33.3 | 5.0 | 13.1 | +8.1 |
| Population | 2,729 | 2,818 | | 292 | 266 | | 3,021 | 3,084 | |
| Labor force participation rate | 39.9 | 41.8 | +1.9 | 76.4 | 75.6 | -0.8 | 43.4 | 44.7 | +1.3 |
| Unemployment rate | 8.0 | 11.2 | +3.2 | 18.8 | 19.4 | -0.6 | 9.8 | 12.4 | +2.6 |
| Population | 1,649 | 1,435 | | 1,147 | 1,076 | | 2,796 | 2,511 | |
| Labor force participation rate | 38.9 | 41.3 | +2.4 | 89.2 | 87.8 | -1.4 | 59.6 | 61.2 | +1.6 |
| Unemployment rate | 8.4 | 9.1 | +0.7 | 7.9 | 9.2 | +1.3 | 8.1 | 9.2 | +1.1 |
| Population | 881 | 1,029 | | 1,082 | 1,166 | | 1,963 | 2,195 | |
| Labor force participation rate | 38.6 | 44.2 | +5.6 | 93.8 | 93.7 | -0.1 | 69.0 | 70.5 | +1.5 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.9 | 5.3 | -0.6 | 4.3 | 3.8 | -0.5 | 4.7 | 4.3 | -0.4 |
| Population | 701 | 695 | | 2,347 | 2,463 | | 3,048 | 3,158 | |
| Labor force participation rate | 56.6 | 56.0 | -0.6 | 100.0 | 98.4 | -1.6 | 90.0 | 89.1 | -0.9 |
| Unemployment rate | 0.8 | 3.6 | +2.8 | 2.3 | 3.0 | +0.7 | 2.1 | 3.1 | +1.0 |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 482 | 491 | | 8 | 17 | | 490 | 508 | |
| Labor force participation rate | 12.2 | 13.2 | +1.0 | 12.5 | 11.8 | -0.7 | 12.2 | 13.2 | +1.0 |
| Unemployment rate | 20.3 | 23.1 | +2.8 | 100.0 | 0.0 | -100.0 | 21.7 | 22.4 | +0.7 |
| Population | 401 | 417 | | 59 | 57 | | 460 | 474 | |
| Labor force participation rate | 28.9 | 35.0 | +6.1 | 59.3 | 75.4 | +16.1 | 32.8 | 39.9 | +7.1 |
| Unemployment rate | 20.7 | 38.4 | +17.7 | 22.9 | 25.6 | +2.7 | 21.2 | 35.4 | +14.2 |
| Population | 192 | 201 | | 199 | 196 | | 391 | 397 | |
| Labor force participation rate | 25.0 | 31.3 | +6.3 | 84.9 | 88.3 | +3.4 | 55.5 | 59.4 | +3.9 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.2 | 31.7 | +27.5 | 11.2 | 19.1 | +7.9 | 9.7 | 22.4 | +12.7 |
| Population | 50 | 82 | | 238 | 229 | | 288 | 311 | |
| Labor force participation rate | 44.0 | 57.3 | +13.3 | 95.8 | 90.0 | -5.8 | 86.8 | 81.3 | -5.5 |
| Unemployment rate | 9.1 | 12.8 | +3.7 | 10.1 | 13.1 | +3.0 | 10.0 | 13.0 | +3.0 |
| Population | 35 | 56 | | 370 | 370 | | 405 | 426 | |
| Labor force participation rate | 54.3 | 53.6 | -0.7 | 96.2 | 94.6 | -1.6 | 92.6 | 89.2 | -3.4 |
| Unemployment rate | 0.0 | 3.3 | +3.3 | 3.1 | 5.4 | +2.3 | 2.9 | 5.3 | +2.4 |

Vera C. Perrella, Employment of School Age Youth, October 1966, Special Labor Force Report No. 87 (Washington, D.C.: U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, August 1967), Table D, p. A-8; Forrest A. Bogan, Employment of School Age Youth, Special Labor Force Report No. 98 (Washington, D.C.: U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, October 1968), Table C, p. A-7.

Table A-3 Labor Force and Employment Status, by School Enrollment Status, Age, October 1967, and Color Males 15 to 24
 Years of Age in 1967
 Comparison of Current Population Survey and Longitudinal Survey Results
 (Numbers in thousands)

| School enrollment status and age in 1967 | Current Population Survey (a) | | | | | | Longitudinal Survey | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------|------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|-------|------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|
| | Population | | | Labor force | | | Population | | | Labor force | | |
| | | | | Total | | Unemployed | | | | Total | | Unemployed |
| | | | | Total number | Percent of population | | | | | Total number | Percent of population | |
| WHITES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 2,818 | 1,178 | 41.8 | 1,046 | 132 | 11.2 | 2,566 | 1,490 | 58.1 | 1,256 | 235 | 15.8 |
| 16-17 | 1,435 | 593 | 41.3 | 539 | 54 | 9.1 | 1,361 | 760 | 55.8 | 649 | 111 | 14.6 |
| 18-19 | 1,029 | 455 | 44.2 | 431 | 24 | 5.3 | 865 | 464 | 53.6 | 433 | 31 | 6.7 |
| 20-21 | 5,282 | 2,226 | 42.1 | 2,016 | 210 | 9.4 | 4,792 | 2,714 | 56.6 | 2,338 | 377 | 13.9 |
| 16-21 | 695 | 389 | 56.0 | 375 | 14 | 3.6 | 571 | 440 | 77.0 | 425 | 15 | 3.5 |
| 22-24 | 5,977 | 2,615 | 43.8 | 2,391 | 224 | 8.6 | 5,363 | 3,154 | 58.3 | 2,763 | 392 | 12.4 |
| Total or average | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Not enrolled | 266 | 201 | 75.6 | 162 | 39 | 19.4 | 430 | 366 | 85.1 | 325 | 41 | 11.2 |
| 16-17 | 1,076 | 945 | 87.8 | 858 | 87 | 9.2 | 1,031 | 939 | 91.1 | 909 | 30 | 3.2 |
| 18-19 | 1,166 | 1,092 | 93.7 | 1,050 | 42 | 3.8 | 1,253 | 1,203 | 96.0 | 1,189 | 13 | 1.1 |
| 20-21 | 2,508 | 2,238 | 89.2 | 2,070 | 165 | 7.5 | 2,714 | 2,508 | 92.4 | 2,423 | 84 | 3.3 |
| 16-21 | 2,463 | 2,424 | 98.4 | 2,351 | 73 | 3.0 | 2,276 | 2,245 | 98.6 | 2,195 | 49 | 2.2 |
| 22-24 | 4,971 | 4,662 | 93.8 | 4,421 | 241 | 5.2 | 4,990 | 4,753 | 95.2 | 4,618 | 133 | 2.9 |
| Total or average | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BLACKS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enrolled | 417 | 146 | 35.0 | 90 | 56 | 38.4 | 396 | 196 | 50.0 | 151 | 47 | 23.7 |
| 16-17 | 201 | 63 | 31.3 | 45 | 20 | 31.7 | 144 | 88 | 61.1 | 63 | 25 | 28.4 |
| 18-19 | 52 | 47 | 57.3 | 41 | 6 | 12.8 | 45 | 27 | 60.0 | 23 | 4 | 14.8 |
| 20-21 | 700 | 256 | 36.6 | 174 | 82 | 32.0 | 585 | 313 | 53.5 | 237 | 76 | 24.3 |
| 16-21 | 56 | 30 | 53.6 | 29 | 1 | 3.3 | 38 | 33 | 86.8 | 33 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 22-24 | 756 | 286 | 37.8 | 205 | 33 | 29.0 | 623 | 346 | 55.5 | 270 | 76 | 22.0 |
| Total or average | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Not enrolled | 57 | 45 | 75.4 | 32 | 11 | 25.6 | 122 | 104 | 85.2 | 86 | 19 | 18.3 |
| 16-17 | 196 | 173 | 88.3 | 140 | 33 | 19.1 | 183 | 172 | 94.0 | 154 | 18 | 10.5 |
| 18-19 | 229 | 206 | 90.0 | 179 | 27 | 13.1 | 208 | 199 | 95.7 | 184 | 14 | 7.0 |
| 20-21 | 482 | 422 | 87.6 | 351 | 71 | 16.8 | 513 | 475 | 92.6 | 424 | 51 | 10.7 |
| 16-21 | 370 | 350 | 94.6 | 331 | 19 | 5.4 | 335 | 329 | 98.2 | 307 | 22 | 7.7 |
| 22-24 | 852 | 772 | 90.6 | 662 | 90 | 11.7 | 842 | 804 | 94.8 | 731 | 73 | 9.1 |
| Total or average | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (a) Percent A. Began Employment A. Began | | | | | | | | | | | | |

(a) Forrest A. Beagan, Employment of School Age Youth, Special Labor Force Report No. 95 (Washington, D.C.: U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, October 1968), Table C, p. A-7.

Age of respondent as of last birthday prior to April 1, 1967.

ATTACHMENT TO CURRENT JOB (measured in 1966 survey only)

Relative increase in rate of pay for which an employed respondent would be willing to accept a hypothetical offer of employment with a different employer.

NONINTERVIEW RATE

The proportion of respondents in 1966 who were not interviewed in 1967. The noninterview rate is the proportion of respondents in 1966 who were not interviewed in 1967 for reasons other than entrance into the armed forces.

STATUS OF WORKER

Wage and Salary Worker

A person working for a rate of pay per time-unit, commission, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates for a private employer or any government unit.

Self-employed Worker

A person working in his own unincorporated business, profession, or trade, or operating a farm for profit or fees.

Unpaid Family Worker

A person working without pay on a farm or in a business operated by a member of the household to whom he is related by blood or marriage.

DEFINITION OF "BLACK"

The term "black" refers to all those who are not Caucasian and is used in lieu of the more conventional "Negro and other races." For further detail see Chapter 1, footnote 5.

COMPARISON OF ATTITUDE TOWARD JOB, 1966 AND 1967

Whether the respondent says he likes his current job more than, the same as, or less than the job he held in 1966 (irrespective of whether it was the same or a different job).

COMPARATIVE JOB STATUS, 1966 AND 1967

Whether the respondent is working for the same employer or a different employer in 1967 as in 1966.

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY

Monthly survey of the population conducted by the U. S. Bureau of the Census to estimate the size and characteristics of the labor force.

EDUCATIONAL ASPIRATIONS

Total number of years of regular school that the respondent would like to achieve.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT: See HIGHEST YEAR OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

EDUCATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

Total number of years of regular school that the respondent feels he will actually achieve.

EMPLOYED: See LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

EXPOSURE TO READING MATERIALS AT AGE 14 (measured in 1966 survey only)
Whether or not the respondent's family, when he was 14 years old, had a library card and received newspapers and/or magazines in the home.

FAMILY INCOME (1966)

Income from all sources (including wages and salaries, net income from business or farm, pensions, dividends, interest, rent, royalties, social insurance, and public assistance) received by any family member living in the household in 12-month period prior to 1966 survey. Income of nonrelatives living in the household is not included.

HEALTH, EFFECT ON ACTIVITY (measured in 1966 survey only)

Respondent's assessment of whether his physical or mental condition (1) limits his work activity; (2) limits other activity; or (3) for those enrolled in school, limits his school activity.

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Orientation and goal of high school courses, usually related to future educational or occupational plans. Categories used are college preparatory, vocational, commercial, or general.

HIGHEST YEAR OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

The highest grade finished by the respondent in "regular" school, where years of school completed are denoted 9-11, 12, 13-15, etc.

LY RATE OF PAY

Compensation--in dollars--for work performed. This is limited to wage and salary workers because it is virtually impossible to ascertain to what extent the earnings of the self-employed are wages as opposed to other kinds of returns. If a time unit other than an hour was reported, hourly rates were computed by first converting the reported figure into a weekly rate and then dividing by the number of hours usually worked per week.

S WORKED DURING SURVEY WEEK

The total number of hours worked at all jobs held by the respondent during the calendar week preceding the date of interview.

ME OF RESPONDENT

Income from all sources (including wages and salaries, net income from business or farm, pensions, dividends, interest, rent, royalties, social insurance, and public assistance) received only by the respondent.

ISTRY

The 10 one-digit classes of the Bureau of the Census' functional classification of employers on the basis of nature of final product.

A continuous period of service with a given employer.

Current or Last Job

For those respondents who were employed during the survey week: the job held during the survey week.
For those respondents who were either unemployed or out of the labor force: the most recent job.

LEDGE OF THE WORLD OF WORK: See OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION TEST

OR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

In the Labor Force

All respondents who were either employed or unemployed during the survey week:

Employed

All respondents who during the survey week were either (1) "at work"--those who did any work for pay or profit or worked without pay for 15 hours or more on a family farm or business; or (2) "with a job but not at work"--those who did not work and were not looking for work, but had a job or business from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, industrial dispute, bad weather, or because they were taking time off for various other reasons.

Unemployed

All respondents who did not work at all during the survey week and (1) either were looking or had looked for a job in the four-week period prior to the survey; (2) were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they were laid off; or (3) were waiting to report to a new job within 30 days.

Out of the Labor Force

All respondents who were neither employed nor unemployed during the survey week.

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

The proportion of the total population or of a demographic subgroup of the population classified as "in the labor force."

LENGTH OF SERVICE IN CURRENT (LAST) JOB

The total number of years spent by the respondent in his current (most recent) job.

LIVING ARRANGEMENT AT AGE 14 (measured in 1966 survey only)

A classification of the people with whom the respondent lived when he was 14 years old. It is primarily used to distinguish whether or not he lived with both parents.

LOCAL LABOR MARKET AREA: See PSU

MARITAL STATUS

Respondents were classified into the following categories: married, spouse present; married, spouse absent; divorced; widowed; separated; and never married. The term "married" in the text includes those respondents who are married, spouse present in the survey week. "Nonmarried" includes all others.

NONSTUDENT

All respondents not enrolled in regular school at the time of the survey.

OCCUPATION

The ten occupation groups are the ten one-digit classes used by the Bureau of the Census in the 1960 Census. The four types of occupation are white-collar (professional and technical workers; managers, officials, and proprietors; clerical workers; and sales workers); blue-collar (craftsmen and foremen, operatives, and nonfarm laborers); service; and farm (farmers, farm managers, and farm laborers).

OCCUPATION DESIRED AT AGE 30

The occupation which the respondent would like to hold when he is 30 years old.

PATIONAL INFORMATION TEST (measured in 1966 survey only)

A series of questions designed to measure the extent of the respondent's information about the labor market. First, the respondent is asked to choose one of several job descriptions that best matches each of 10 specified job titles. Second, he is asked to indicate the amount of regular schooling typically achieved by men in each of the occupations. Third, he chooses from a pair of occupations the one in which he thinks average annual earnings is higher. For scoring procedure see Chapter 1, p. 5, n. 13.

OF THE LABOR FORCE: See LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

(PRIMARY SAMPLING UNIT)

One of the 235 areas of the country from which the sample for this study was drawn; usually an SMSA (standard metropolitan statistical area) or a county.

CTION TO HYPOTHETICAL JOB OFFER: See ATTACHMENT TO CURRENT JOB

ULAR SCHOOL

"Regular" schools include graded public, private, and parochial elementary and high schools; colleges; universities; and professional schools.

IDENCE IN COUNTY (SMSA), LENGTH OF

The length of time--in years--the respondent has lived in county or SMSA of present residence.

IDENCE AT AGE 14 (measured in 1966 survey only)

Degree of urbanization of area in which respondent lived when he was 14 years old. These areas are defined as rural farm, rural nonfarm, town, suburb of city, city (25,000-100,000), and city (100,000 or more).

ISFACTION WITH JOB, DEGREE OF

Respondent's report of his feelings toward his job when confronted with the following four alternatives: "like it very much, like it fairly well, dislike it somewhat, dislike it very much."

CHOOL ENROLIMENT STATUS

An indication of whether or not the respondent is presently enrolled in regular school.

F-EMPLOYED: See CLASS OF WORKER

ELL OF UNEMPLOYMENT

A continuous period of at least one week's duration during which the respondent was unemployed. A spell may be terminated either by employment or by withdrawal from the labor force.

SURVEY WEEK

For convenience, the term "survey week" is used to denote the calendar week preceding the date of interview. In the conventional parlance of the Bureau of the Census, it means the "reference week."

TENURE: See LENGTH OF SERVICE IN CURRENT (LAST) JOB

UNEMPLOYED: See LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

UNEMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE IN PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS

Cumulative number of weeks in the 12 months prior to the survey that the respondent reported he was looking for work or on lay-off from a job.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The proportion of the labor force classified as unemployed.

UNPAID FAMILY WORKERS: See CLASS OF WORKER

VETERAN STATUS

Whether the respondent served in any branch of the armed services prior to the time of the survey.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Program(s) taken outside the regular school system for other than social or recreational purposes. Sponsoring agents include government, unions, and business enterprises. A training course sponsored by a company must last at least six weeks to be considered a "program."

WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS: See CLASS OF WORKER

WAGE RATE: See HOURLY RATE OF PAY

WEEKS EMPLOYED IN PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS

Cumulative number of weeks in the 12 months prior to the survey that the respondent reported that he worked.

WEEKS IN THE LABOR FORCE IN PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS

Cumulative number of weeks in the 12 months prior to the survey that the respondent reported that he either worked, looked for work, or was on layoff from a job.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Any full- or part-time employment experienced by the respondent any time during his life lasting two or more consecutive weeks.

The Survey of Work Experience of Men 14 to 24 Years of Age is one of longitudinal surveys sponsored by the Manpower Administration of the Department of Labor. Taken together these surveys constitute the National Longitudinal Surveys.

Sample Design

The National Longitudinal Surveys are based on a multi-stage probability sample located in 235 sample areas comprising 485 counties and independent cities representing every state and the District of Columbia. 35 sample areas were selected by grouping all of the nation's counties and independent cities into about 1,900 primary sampling units (PSU's) and further forming 235 strata of one or more PSU's that are relatively homogeneous according to socioeconomic characteristics. Within each stratum a single PSU was selected to represent the stratum. Within each PSU a probability sample of housing units was selected to represent the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

Since one of the survey requirements was to provide separate reliable statistics for Negroes and other races, households in predominantly Negro other race enumeration districts (ED's) were selected at a rate three times that for households in predominantly white ED's. The sample was designed to provide approximately 5,000 interviews for each of the four years--about 1,500 Negroes and other races and 3,500 whites. When this requirement was examined in light of the expected number of persons in each age-sex-color group it was found that approximately 42,000 households would be required in order to find the requisite number of Negroes and other races in each age-sex group.

An initial sample of about 42,000 housing units was selected and a preliminary interview took place in March and April 1966. Of this number, 7,500 units were found to be vacant, occupied by persons whose usual residence was elsewhere, changed from residential use, or demolished. On the other hand, about 900 additional units were found which had been added within existing living space or had been changed from what was previously nonresidential space. Thus 35,360 housing units were available for interview; of these, usable information was collected for 34,662 households, a completion rate of 98.0 percent.

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The original plan called for using this initial screening to select the sample for all sample groups. On reflection it was decided to rescreen the sample in the fall of 1966 prior to the first interview of males 14 to 24. Males in the upper part of that age group are the most mobile group in the entire population and a seven-month delay between the initial screening and the first interview seemed to invite problems.

To increase efficiency, it was decided to stratify the sample for the rescreening by the presence or absence of a 14 to 24 year old male in the household. The probability is great that a household which contained a 14 to 24 year old in March will also have one in September. However, we had to insure that the sample also represented persons who had moved into sample households in the intervening period, so that a sample of addresses which had no 14 to 24 year old males also was included in the screening operation.

This phase of the screening began in early September 1966. Since a telephone number had been recorded for most households at the time of the initial interview, every attempt was made to complete the short screening interview by telephone. Following this screening operation, 5,713 males aged 14 to 24 were designated to be interviewed for the Survey of Work Experience. These were sampled differentially within four strata: whites in white ED's (i.e., ED's which contained predominantly white households), Negroes and other races in white ED's, whites in Negro and other race ED's, and Negro and other races in Negro and other race ED's.

The Field Work

Three hundred thirty-nine interviewers were assigned to this survey. The primary requirement for interviewers was previous experience with the Current Population Survey (CPS). A number of sections of the questionnaire dealt with labor force or socioeconomic concepts which were either similar to or identical with the CPS, thus a significant increase in quality and reduction of training costs was achieved.

Regional office personnel trained the interviewers and office clerks assigned to the survey in their regions. Each trainer was provided with a "verbatim" training guide prepared by the Bureau staff and reviewed by the Manpower Administration and the Center for Human Resource Research of The Ohio State University. The guide included not only lecture material, but a number of structured practice interviews to familiarize the interviewers thoroughly with the questionnaire. A total of 26 training sessions were held in some 20 cities throughout the country. Professional members of the participating organizations observed the regional supervisors during the training sessions.

A field edit was instituted in each regional office to insure adequate quality. This consisted of a "full edit" of each questionnaire returned by each interviewer. The editor reviewed the questionnaires from beginning

d, to determine if the entries were complete and consistent and
er the skip instructions were being followed. This edit was designed
termine if the interviewer understood her job. The interviewer was
cted by phone concerning minor problems, and depending on the nature
e problem was either merely told of her error or asked to contact
espondent for further information or for clarification. For more
us problems the interviewer was retrained either totally or in part,
he questionnaire was returned for completion.

The training of interviewers began on October 23, 1967, and the
viewing immediately after. The interviewing continued until the
f December 1967. A number of factors were responsible for the
ed time. There are limited times during the day when persons in
age group are available to be interviewed. The requirement that
nterviewers be experienced in the CPS caused some delay. For about
week each month the interviewers were not able to work on this survey
ase of the conflicting demands of the CPS. Finally, extra time was
ved in order to reduce the number of noninterviews resulting from
ons who were temporarily not available for interview or who were
cult to locate. Of the 5,713 males 14 to 24 originally selected
he sample, usable questionnaires were obtained from 5,234 cases in

Summary, 1966 Interview

| | Total | Interviews | Noninterviews | | |
|---------------------|-------|------------|---------------|----------|-------|
| | | | Total | Refusals | Other |
| er of s | 5,713 | 5,234 | 479 | 120 | 359 |
| ent of load | 100.0 | 91.7 | 8.3 | 2.1 | 6.2 |
| ent of nterviews | | | 100.0 | 25.0 | 75.0 |

The 5,234 men who were interviewed in 1966 constituted the panel
the 1967 survey. The noninterviews were not included because there
d be no base year data. Fourteen persons died between the 1966 and
7 surveys and 276 men entered the armed forces between the two surveys,
ring 4,944 persons eligible to be interviewed. Usable questionnaires
e obtained from 4,787 of these respondents for a completion rate of
3 percent.

Summary, 1967 Interview

| | Inter- viewed in 1966 | Deceased in 1967 | Armed Forces 1967 | Eligible for inter- view 1967 | Inter- viewed 1967 | Re- fused | Unable to contact | All other non- interviewed |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Number of cases | 5,234 | 14 | 276 | 4,944 | 4,787 | 65 | 71 | 21 |
| Percent of workload | 100.0 | 0.3 | 5.3 | 94.4 | | | | |
| Percent eligible for interview | | | | 100.0 | 96.8 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.4 |

Estimating Methods

The estimation procedure adopted for this survey was a multi-stage ratio estimate. The first step was the assignment to each sample case of a basic weight which was equal to the reciprocal of the sampling fraction of the stratum from which it was selected. Thus, for the Survey of Work Experience of Males 14 to 24 there were four different base weights reflecting differential sampling by color within stratum (i.e., white ED's versus Negro and other race ED's).

1. Noninterview Adjustment

The weights for all interviewed persons were adjusted to the extent needed to account for persons for which no information was obtained because of absence, refusals, or unavailability for other reasons. This adjustment was made separately for each of 16 groupings: Census region of residence (Northeast, North Central, South, West); by residence (urban, rural); by color (white, Negro and other races).

2. Ratio Estimates

The distribution of the population selected for the sample may differ somewhat, by chance, from that of the nation as a whole, in such characteristics as age, color, sex, and residence. Since these population characteristics are closely correlated with the principal measurements made from the sample, the latter estimates can be substantially improved when weighted appropriately by the known distribution of these population characteristics.¹ This was accomplished through two stages of ratio estimation, as follows:

¹ See U.S. Bureau of the Census, Technical Paper No. 7, "The Current Population Survey--A Report on Methodology" (Washington, D.C., 1963), for a more detailed explanation of the preparation of estimates.

a. First-Stage Ratio Estimation

This is a procedure in which the sample proportions are adjusted to the known 1960 Census data on the color-residence distribution of the population. This step took into account the differences existing at the time of the 1960 Census between the color-residence distribution for the nation and the sample areas.

b. Second-Stage Ratio Estimation

In this final step, the sample proportions were adjusted to independent current estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population by age and color. These estimates were prepared by carrying forward the most recent Census data and to take account of subsequent aging of the population, and migration between the United States and other countries. The adjustment was made by color within four age groups: 14-15, 16-18, 19-21, and 22-24.

After this step, each sample person has a weight which remains unchanged throughout the five-year life of the study. The universe of study was thus fixed at the time of the first cycle. No reweighting of the sample was done after subsequent cycles since the group of interviewed persons is an unbiased sample of the population group (in this case, civilian noninstitutionalized males age 14 to 24) at the time of the first cycle only.

g and Editing

Most of the questionnaire required no coding, the data being taken directly from precoded boxes. However, the various job descriptions used the Bureau's standard occupation and industry codes used with the monthly CPS. Codes for the other "open end" questions were developed in conjunction with Ohio State from tallies of 10 and 20 percent subsamples of the returns.

The consistency edits for the questionnaire were completed on a computer. For the parts of the questionnaire which were similar to the modified CPS edit was used. For all other sections separate consistency checks were performed. None of the edits included any information which was dependent on averages or random information from other cycles, since such allocated data could not be expected to be available from subsequent surveys. However, where the answer to a question was obvious from others in the questionnaire, the missing value was entered on the tape. For example, if item 16a ("Have you received")

2 See U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 352, Nov. 18, 1966, for a description of the method in preparing these independent population estimates.

a degree since we talked to you last year?") was blank, but legitimate entries appeared in 16b, c, and d ("What degree was it?"; "In what field did you receive your degree?"; and "Why did you decide to continue your education after receiving this degree?") a "Yes" was inserted in 16a. In this case only if 16a was marked "Yes," could 16b, c, and d be filled; therefore, the assumption was made that either the key punch operator failed to punch the item or the interviewer failed to mark it.

Further, some of the status codes which depend on the answers to a number of different items were completed using only partial information. The most obvious example is the current employment status of the respondent. That is, whether he was employed, unemployed, or not in the labor force. This is determined by the answers to a number of related questions. However, if one or more of these questions is not completed but the majority are filled and consistent, the status is determined on the basis of the available responses. This gives rise to an artificially low count of "NA's" for certain items.

SAMPLING VARIATION

As in any survey based upon a sample, the data in this report are subject to sampling error, that is, variation attributable solely to the fact that they emerge from a sample rather than from a complete count of the population. Because the probabilities of a given individual's appearing in the sample are known, it is possible to estimate the sampling error, at least roughly. For example, it is possible to specify a "confidence interval" for each absolute figure or percentage, that is, a range within which the true value of the figure is likely to fall. For this purpose, the standard error of the statistic is generally used. The standard error on either side of a given statistic provides the range of values which has a two-thirds probability of including the true value. This probability increases to about 95 percent if a range of two standard errors is used.

Standard Errors of Percentages

In the case of percentages, the size of the standard error depends not only on the magnitude of the percentage, but also on the size of the base on which the percentage is computed. Thus, the standard error of 1 percent may be only 1 percentage point when the base is the total number of white men, but as much as 8 or 9 percentage points when the base is the total number of unemployed white men. Two tables of standard errors, one for whites and one for blacks, are shown below (Tables D-1 and D-2).

The method of ascertaining the appropriate standard error of a percentage¹ may be illustrated by the following example. This sample represents approximately 5,900,000 white men who were 15 to 18 years of age in 1967. Our estimates indicate that 50 percent of these men were in the labor force at the time of the 1966 interview. Entering the table for white men (D-1) with the base of 5,000,000 and the percentage of 50, one finds the standard error to be 6.1 percentage points. Thus, the chances are two out of three that a complete enumeration would have resulted in a figure between 56.1 and 43.9 percent (50 ± 6.1) and 19 out of 20 that the figure would have been between 37.8 and 62.2 percent (50 ± 12.2).

¹ Because the sample is not random, the conventional formula for the standard error of a percentage cannot be used. The entries in the tables have been computed on the basis of a formula suggested by the Bureau of the Census statisticians. They should be interpreted as providing an indication of the order of magnitude of the standard error, rather than a precise standard error for any specific item.

Table D-1 Standard Errors of Estimated Percentages of Whites
(68 chances out of 100)

| Base of percentage (thousands) | Estimated percentage | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------|----------|----------|------|
| | 1 or 99 | 5 or 95 | 10 or 90 | 20 or 80 | 50 |
| 100 | 2.8 | 6.0 | 8.3 | 11.1 | 13.9 |
| 200 | 1.9 | 4.2 | 5.8 | 7.8 | 9.7 |
| 350 | 1.5 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 5.9 | 7.3 |
| 500 | 1.2 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 6.1 |
| 1,000 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 4.3 |
| 5,000 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| 14,046 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 |

Table D-2 Standard Errors of Estimated Percentages of Blacks
(68 chances out of 100)

| Base of percentage (thousands) | Estimated percentage | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------|----------|----------|------|
| | 1 or 99 | 5 or 95 | 10 or 90 | 20 or 80 | 50 |
| 25 | 3.3 | 7.3 | 10.0 | 13.3 | 16.7 |
| 50 | 2.3 | 5.1 | 7.1 | 9.4 | 11.8 |
| 100 | 1.6 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 6.6 | 8.3 |
| 200 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 5.8 |
| 750 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 3.0 |
| 1,400 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.2 |
| 2,041 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.8 |

frequently center on the question whether observed differences in percentages are "real," or whether they result simply from sampling variation. If, for example, one finds on the basis of the survey that 3.3 percent of the whites, as compared with 7 percent of the blacks, are unable to work, the question arises whether this difference actually prevails in the population or whether it might have been produced by sampling variation. The answer to this question, expressed in terms of probabilities, depends on the standard error of the difference between the two percentages, which, in turn, is related to their magnitudes as well as to the size of the base of each. Although a precise answer to the question would require extended calculation, it is possible to construct charts that will indicate roughly, for different ranges of bases and different magnitudes of the percentages themselves, whether a given difference may be considered to be "significant," i.e., is sufficiently large that there is less than a 5 percent chance that it would have been produced by sampling variation alone. Such charts are shown below.

The magnitude of the quotient produced by dividing the difference between any two percentages by the standard error of the difference determines whether that difference is significant. Since the standard error of the difference depends only on the size of the percentages and their bases, for differences centered around a given percentage it is possible to derive a function which relates significant differences to the size of the bases of the percentages. If a difference around the given percentage is specified, the function then identifies those bases which will produce a standard error small enough for the given difference to be significant. The graphs which follow show functions of this type; each curve identifies combinations of bases that will make a given difference around a given percentage significant. For all combinations of bases on or to the northeast of a given curve, the given difference is the maximum difference necessary for significance.

Thus, to determine whether the difference between two percentages is significant, first locate the appropriate graph by selecting the one labeled with the percentage closest to the midpoint between the two percentages in question. When this percentage is under 50, the base of the larger percentage should be read on the horizontal axis of the chart and the base of the smaller percentage on the vertical axis. When the midpoint between the two percentages is greater than 50, the two axes are to be reversed. (When the midpoint is exactly 50 percent, either axis may be used for either base.) The two coordinates identify a point on the graph. The relation between this point and the curves indicates the order of magnitude required for a difference between the two percentages to be statistically significant at the 5 percent confidence level.²

² The point made in footnote 1 is equally relevant here. The graphs should be interpreted as providing only a rough (and probably conservative) estimate of the difference required for significance.

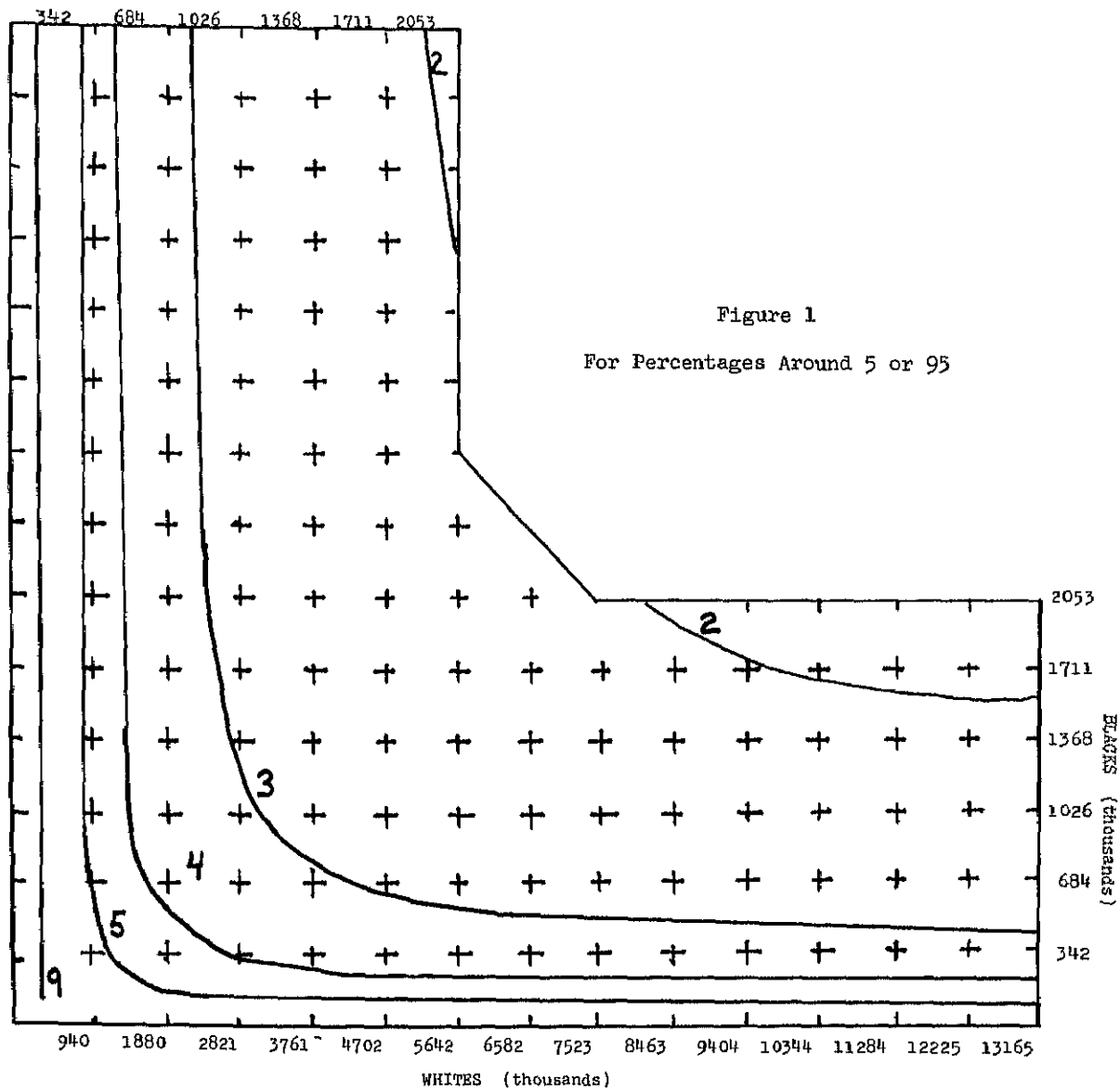
All this may be illustrated as follows. Suppose in the case of the whites the question is whether the difference between 27 percent (on a base of 6,000,000)³ and 33 percent (on a base of 5,000,000) is significant. Since the percentages center on 30 percent, Figure 4 should be used. Entering the vertical axis of this graph with 6,000,000 and the horizontal axis with 5,000,000 provides a coordinate which lies to the northeast of the curve showing combinations of bases for which a difference of 5 percent is significant. Thus the 6 percentage point difference (between 27 and 33 percent) is significant.

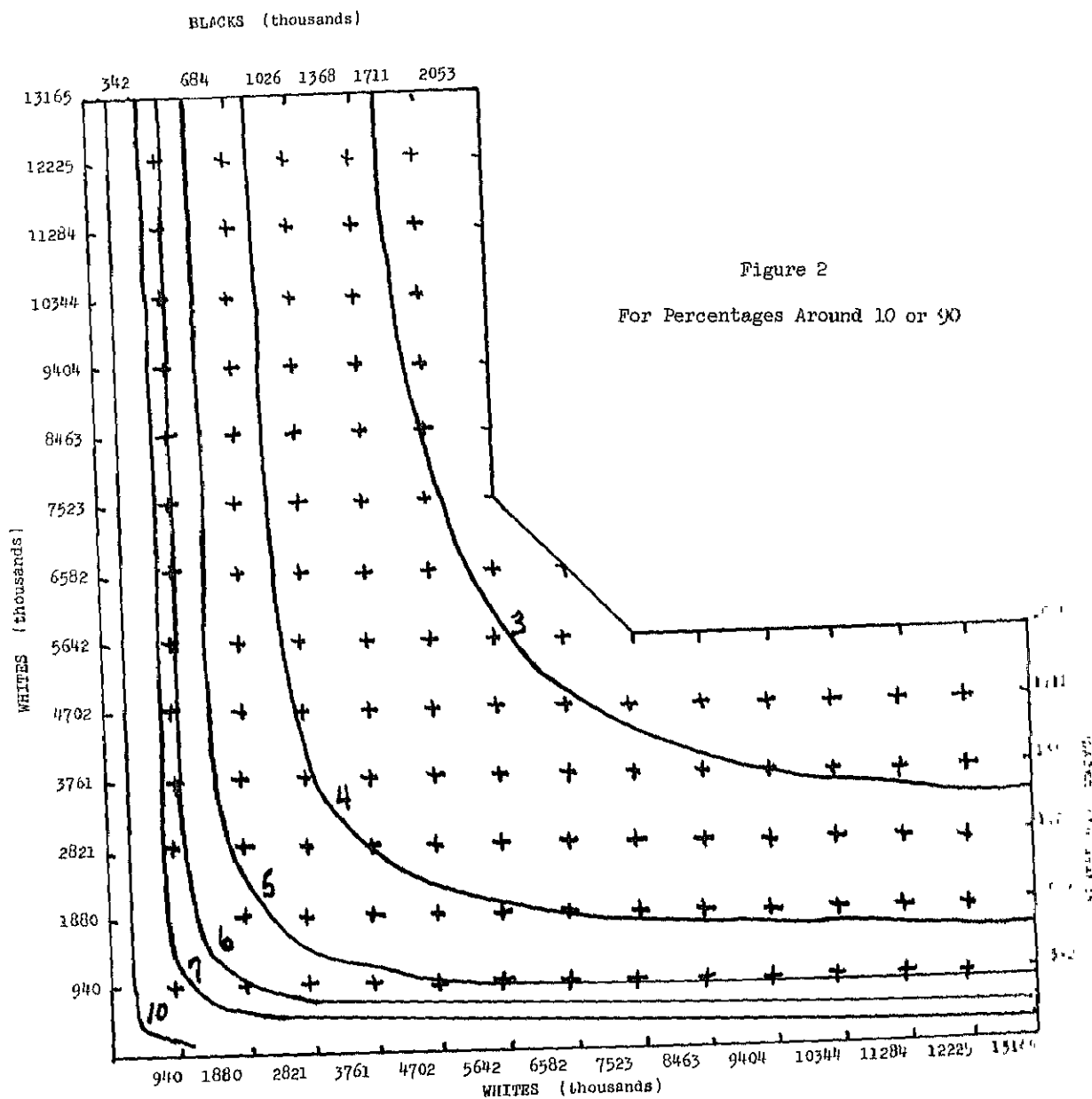
As an example of testing for the significance of a difference between the two color groups, consider the following. The data in our study show that for young men in the age cohort 21 to 25, 96 percent of the blacks (on a base of 641,000) and 92 percent of the whites (on a base of 4,666,000) are in the labor force. To determine whether this intercolor difference is statistically significant, Figure 1 is used because the midpoint (94 percent) between the two percentages is closer to 95 than 90.⁴ Entering this graph at 641,000 on the vertical axis for blacks (calibrated on the right hand side of the figure) and at 4,666,000 on the horizontal axis for whites provides a coordinate which lies to the northeast of the 4 percent curve. Thus, the 4 percentage point difference in labor force participation rate is significant.

3 Each of the curves in the graphs of this appendix illustrates a functional relationship between bases expressed in terms of actual sample cases. For convenience, however, the axes of the graphs are labeled in terms of blown up estimates which simply reflect numbers of sample cases multiplied by a weighting factor.

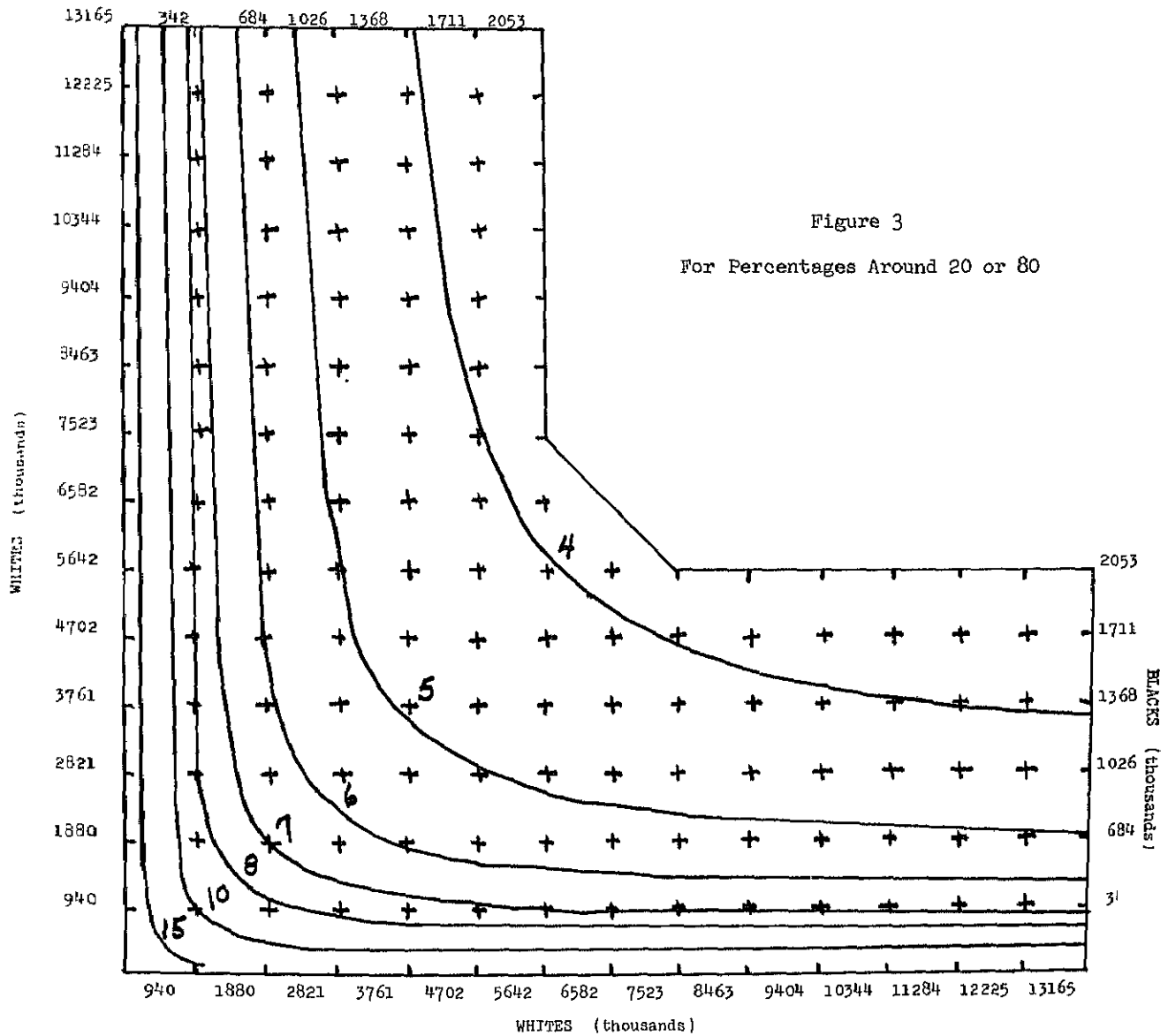
4 If both percentages are less (greater) than 50 and the midpoint between the two percentages is less (greater) than the percentage for which the curves were constructed, the actual differences necessary for significance will be slightly less than those shown on the curve. The required differences shown on the curves understate the actual differences necessary for significance when both percentages are less (greater) than 50 and the midpoint is greater (less) than the percentage for which the curves were constructed.

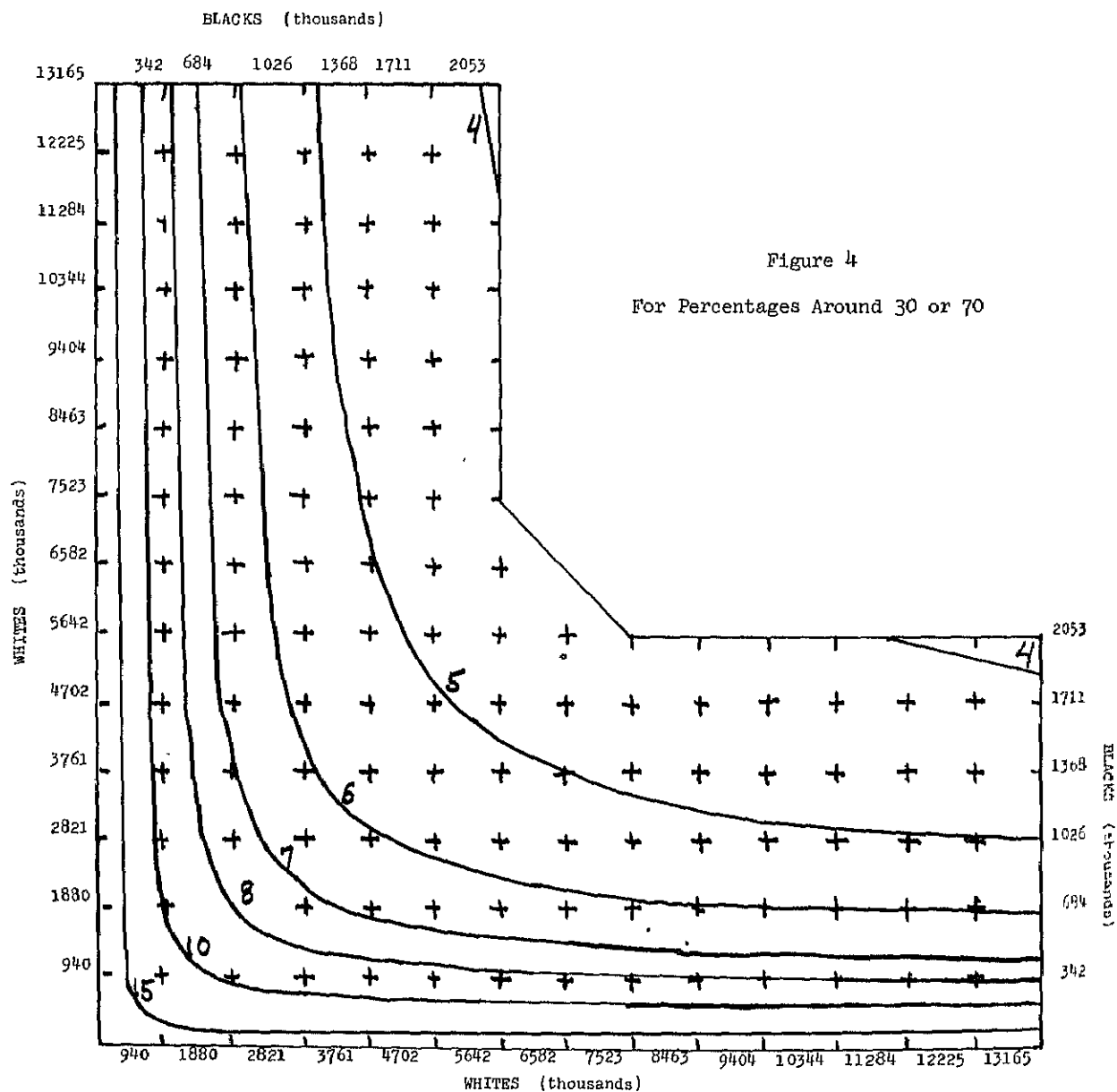
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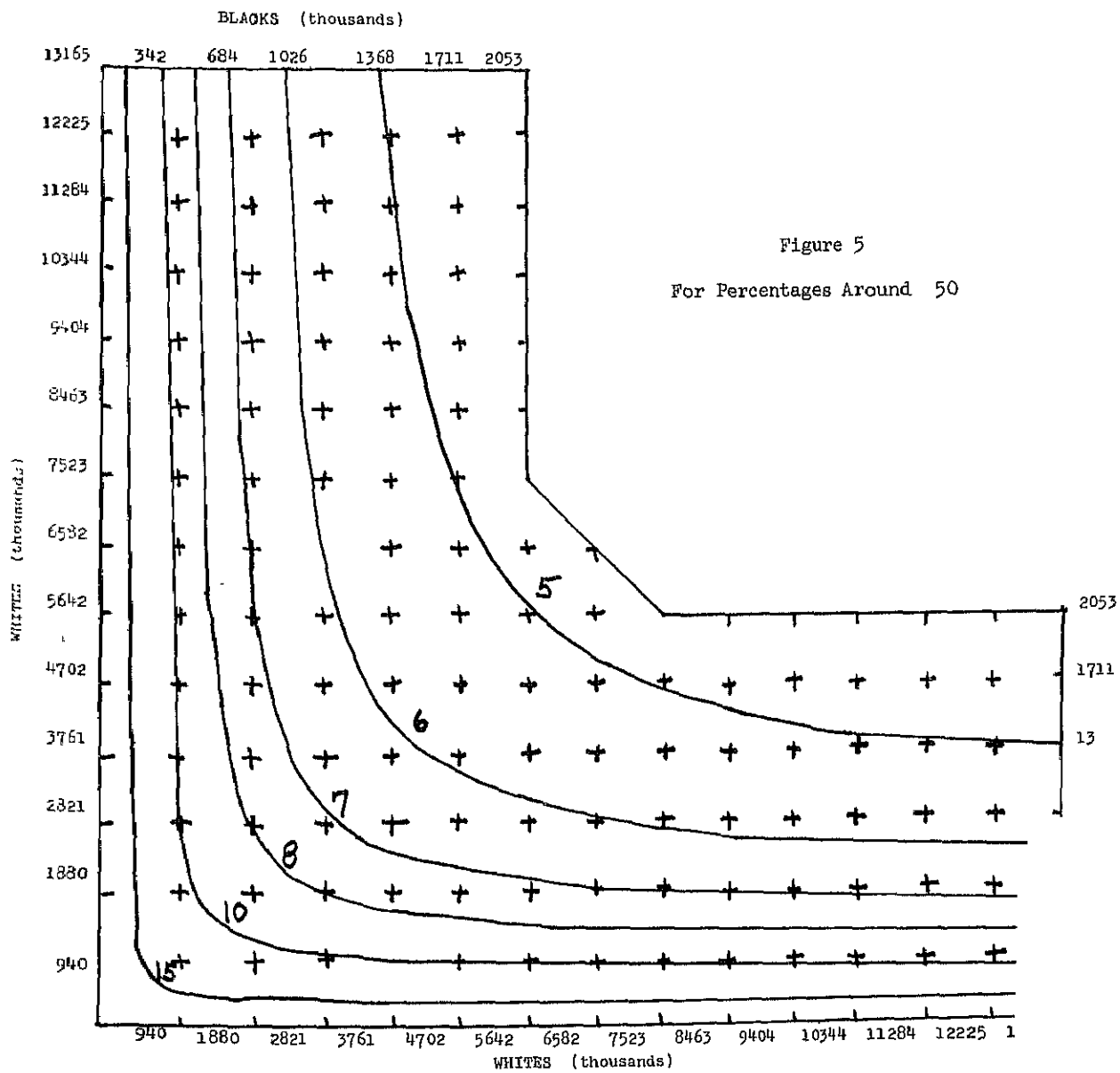




BLACKS (thousands)







APPENDIX E

1966 INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

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FORM LGT-201
(9-8 66)U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

NATIONAL LONGITUDINAL SURVEYS

SURVEY OF WORK EXPERIENCE
OF MALES 14-24

1966

NOTICE - Your report to the Census Bureau is confidential by law (Title 13 U.S. Code). It may be seen only by sworn Census employees and may be used only for statistical purposes.

1. Control No. _____

2. Line number
of respondent _____

3. Name _____

4. Address _____

5. Interviewed by _____

Code _____

RECORD OF CALLS

| Date | Time | Comments |
|------|--------------|----------|
| 1. | a.m. p.m. | |
| 2. | a.m. p.m. | |
| 3. | a.m. p.m. | |
| 4. | a.m. p.m. | |

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

| Interview time | | Date completed | Comments |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Began | Ended | | |
| a.m. p.m. | a.m. p.m. | | |

NONINTERVIEW REASON

- 1 ☐ Temporarily absent 4 ☐ Other - Specify _____
 2 ☐ No one home
 3 ☐ Refused

TRANSCRIPTION FROM HOUSEHOLD RECORD CARD

Item 2 - Identification code _____

Item 15 - Age _____

Item 22 - Tenure

- 1 ☐ Owned or being bought
 2 ☐ Rented
 3 ☐ No cash rent

Item 13 - Marital status

Item 16 - Race

- 1 ☐ Married spouse present
 2 ☐ Married spouse absent
 3 ☐ Widowed
 4 ☐ Divorced
 5 ☐ Separated
 6 ☐ Never married

- 1 ☐ White
 2 ☐ Negro
 3 ☐ Other

Items 23-25 - L_o

- 1 ☐ A 4
 2 ☐ B
 3 ☐ C

If respondent has moved, enter new address

NOTES

1 Elem . . . 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 - SKIP to section D,
 2 High . . . 1 2 3 4 page 8
 3 College . . 1 2 3 4 5 6+

2. What grade are you attending?

3. Since you turned 14, were you ever out of school for an entire school year?

0 ☐ Respondent is 14 - SKIP to Check Item A
 1 ☐ Yes - SKIP to 8
 x ☐ No - SKIP to Check Item A

4. What is the highest year of regular school you have completed?

0 None . . . 0 - SKIP to Section E, page 10
 1 Elem. . . 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 2 High . . . 1 2 3 4
 3 College . . 1 2 3 4 5 6+

5. How old were you when you last attended regular school?

Age _____

6. Why would you say you decided to end your education at that time?

0 ☐ Completed 4 or more years of college
 1 ☐ Had to work
 2 ☐ Couldn't afford college
 3 ☐ Lack of ability
 4 ☐ Disliked school
 5 ☐ Military service
 6 ☐ No particular reason
 7 ☐ Other - Specify _____

7. Between the time you turned 14 and _____ (age mentioned in 5), were you ever out of school for an entire school year or more?

1 ☐ Yes - Ask 8 x ☐ No - SKIP to Check Item 4

8. How old were you? (If more than once, ask about most recent time.)

Age _____

9. Why were you out of school at that time?

10. Why did you return to school?

**CHECK
ITEM A**

x ☐ Enrolled in school or a college graduate (Q. 1 or 4) - SKIP to 17, page 5
 1 ☐ All others - Ask 11a

11a. Considering all the experience you have had in working or looking for jobs since leaving school, do you feel that not having more education has hurt you in any way?

1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No
 (If "Yes") (If "No")
 1 ☐ Can't get as good a job 6 ☐ Have a good job
 2 ☐ Difficult to get a job 7 ☐ Wouldn't be making as much money
☐ Other - Specify ☐ Other - Specify

b. Why do you feel this way?

12a. If you could, would you like to get more education or training?

1 ☐ Yes - Ask b 2 ☐ No - SKIP to 13a

b. What kind of courses or training would you like to take?

1 ☐ Technical (vocational) training - Specify type
 2 ☐ Complete high school
 3 ☐ Go to college
 4 ☐ Other - Specify

c. Do you expect that you actually will get this education or training?

1 ☐ Yes When?
 2 ☐ No Why not?
 3 ☐ Don't know

A. EDUCATION AND TRAINING - Continued

13a Aside from regular school, did you ever take a program in a business college or technical institute such as drafting, electronics training, etc.?

1 ☐ Yes - Ask b

2 ☐ No - SKIP to 11a

b Why did you decide to get more training?

c. What type of training did you take?

d How long did this training last?

Months

e. How many hours per week did you spend on this training?

1 ☐ 1-4

3 ☐ 10-14

5 ☐ 20 or more

2 ☐ 5-9

4 ☐ 15-19

f. Did you finish or complete the program?

1 ☐ Yes - SKIP to h

2 ☐ No - Ask g

3 ☐ Still going on - SKIP to 14a

g. Why didn't you complete the program?

h Do you use this training on your present (last) job?

1 ☐ Yes

2 ☐ No

3 ☐ Never worked

14a Aside from regular school, did you ever take a full-time program lasting six weeks or more at a company training school?

1 ☐ Yes

2 ☐ No - SKIP to 15a

b What type of training did you take?

c. How long did this training last?

Months

d. How many hours per week did you spend on this training?

1 ☐ 1-4

3 ☐ 10-14

5 ☐ 20 or more

2 ☐ 5-9

4 ☐ 15-19

e. Did you finish or complete this program?

1 ☐ Yes - SKIP to g

2 ☐ No - Ask f

3 ☐ Still going on - SKIP to 15a

f. Why didn't you complete the program?

g. Do you use this training on your present (last) job?

1 ☐ Yes

2 ☐ No

3 ☐ Never worked

15a. Aside from regular school, did you ever take apprenticeship training or any other vocational or technical training (NOT counting on-the-job training given informally)?

1 ☐ Yes - Ask b

2 ☐ No - SKIP to 16a

b. Why did you decide to get more training?

c. What type of training did you take?

d How long did this training last?

Months

e. How many hours per week did you spend on this training?

1 ☐ 1-4

3 ☐ 10-14

5 ☐ 20 or more

2 ☐ 5-9

4 ☐ 15-19

f. Did you finish or complete this program?

1 ☐ Yes - SKIP to h

2 ☐ No - Ask g

3 ☐ Still going on - SKIP to 16a

g. Why didn't you complete the program?

h. Do you use this training on your present (last) job?

1 ☐ Yes

2 ☐ No

3 ☐ Never worked

A. EDUCATION AND TRAINING - Continued

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| 16a. Since you stopped going to school full time, have you taken any additional general courses in a regular school, such as English, math or science? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask b | x <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 17 |
| b. Why did you decide to get more education? | | |
| c. What type of course did you take? | | |
| d. How long did this course last? | Months _____ | |
| e. How many hours per week did you spend on this course? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 or more |
| f. Did you finish or complete this program? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - SKIP to h 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - Ask g 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Still going on - SKIP to 17 | |
| g. Why didn't you complete the program? | | |
| h. Do you use this education on your present (last) job? . . . | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Never worked | |
| 17. Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Which branch? x <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 22a 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Navy 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Army 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Marines 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard | |
| 18. How did you enter the Armed Forces? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Drafted 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Enlisted as a regular 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Entered through OCS, ROTC, Service Academy 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____ | |
| 19. How many months were you on active duty in the Armed Forces? | Months _____ | |
| 20. How old were you when you were separated from active service? | Years _____ | |
| 21a. Other than basic training, what kinds of training did you receive while you were in the Armed Forces? (If more than 2, enter those 2 the respondent feels were most important.) (Ask b-d for both kinds of training) | 1. _____ 2. _____ 0 <input type="checkbox"/> None - SKIP to e | |
| b. Did you finish or complete this program? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| c. How long did this training last? | 1. Months _____ 2. Months _____ | |
| d. Do you use this training on your present (last) job? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Never worked 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Never worked | |
| e. What military occupation did you have for the longest time? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioned or Warrant Officer 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Enlisted man | |
| f. Were you an officer or enlisted man at that time? | (SKIP to 23) | |
| 22a. Have you ever tried to enter Active Military Service? . . . | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask b 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to Section B | |
| b. Why were you not accepted? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Turned down without being examined or tested 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Failed both physical and written test 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Failed physical examination 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Failed written test 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Not accepted for other reasons 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know reason | |

B. HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

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|---|---|
| <p>23a What is the name of the high school you attend (last attended)?</p> <p>b What is this high school's address?</p> <p>c Is this school public or private?</p> <p>d In what years have you been (were you) enrolled there?</p> <p>e. Are (were) you enrolled in a vocational curriculum, a commercial curriculum, college preparatory or a general curriculum (during your last year in high school)?</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Never attended high school — <i>SKIP to Section E, page 10</i></p> <p>Street</p> <p>City County</p> <p>State ZIP code</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Public 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Private</p> <p>From To</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational } What did you specialize (are you specializing) in? 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial } 3 <input type="checkbox"/> College preparatory 4 <input type="checkbox"/> General</p> |
|---|---|

**CHECK
ITEM B**

- 1 ☐ Respondent has completed one or more years of college (Q. 2 or 4) — *SKIP to Section C*
 x ☐ Respondent has completed less than one year of high school — *SKIP to Section D, page 8*
 z ☐ All others — *Ask 24a*

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>24a. What high school subject did you enjoy (have you enjoyed) the most?</p> <p>b. What is the main reason you enjoyed (have enjoyed) ...?</p> | <p>0 <input type="checkbox"/> None — <i>SKIP to 25a</i></p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in it</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Find it easy</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Do well in it</p> <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> Prepares for future job or career</p> <p>5 <input type="checkbox"/> Important for non-vocational reasons</p> <p>6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other — <i>Specify</i></p> |
|---|---|

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|--|--|
| <p>25a. What high school subject did you dislike (have you disliked) the most?</p> <p>b. What is the main reason you disliked (have disliked) ...?</p> | <p>0 <input type="checkbox"/> None — <i>SKIP to 26a</i></p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult; hard work 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Boring</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Felt it a waste of time 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Other — <i>Specify</i></p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Do poorly in it</p> |
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| | |
|--|--|
| <p>In your last full year in high school: 26a. How many hours per week, on the average, did you spend doing your homework?</p> <p>b. Where did you normally do most of your homework?</p> <p>c. Were there any conditions at this place which made it hard for you to study?</p> <p>d. What were these conditions?</p> <p>e. Did you take part in any extra-curricular activities at school, such as, sports, dramatics, publications, music, or clubs?</p> <p>f. How many hours per week, on the average, did you spend on these activities?</p> <p>g. What was your favorite extra-curricular activity?</p> | <p>0 <input type="checkbox"/> None 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 or more</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> School library or study hall 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other — <i>Specify</i></p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> At home</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> At friend's home</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — <i>Ask d</i> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No — <i>SKIP to e</i></p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Noise (distractions)</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks necessary facilities (desk, room, etc.)</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Other — <i>Specify</i></p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — <i>Ask f</i> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No — <i>SKIP to 27</i></p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 or more</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Sports 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Music</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Publications 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Other clubs</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Dramatics 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other — <i>Specify</i></p> |
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B. HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE - Continued

27. When you were not involved in high school activities or studying, what activity took up most of your extra time during your last full high school year?

- 1 ☐ Non-school related sports
2 ☐ Hobby
3 ☐ Reading

- 4 ☐ Work for pay
5 ☐ Other - Specify _____

28. All things considered, how do you feel about your high school experience?

- Did you (do you) -
1 ☐ like it very much?
2 ☐ like it fairly well?
3 ☐ dislike it somewhat?
4 ☐ dislike it very much?

C. COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

**CHECK
ITEM C**

- × ☐ Respondent has never attended college (Q. 2 or 1) - SKIP to Section D
1 ☐ Other - Ask 29a

29a. What are the names of all the colleges you have attended?

ASK FOR EACH SCHOOL ATTENDED

| Name of college | b. When were you enrolled there? | | c. Where is this school located? | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----|----------------------------------|-------|
| | From | To | City | State |
| 1. | | | | |
| 2. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |

d. What degree did you receive?

(If more than one, record the most recent)

0 ☐ Did not receive degree - SKIP to g

e. In what field did you receive your degree?

f. Why did you decide to major in (field of study mentioned in 29e)?

- 1 ☐ Interested in it
2 ☐ Do well in it
3 ☐ Advised to do so
4 ☐ Good job p
5 ☐ Other - Sp

g. What is (was) the full-time tuition per year at (most recent school given in 29a)?

h. Did (do) you have a scholarship, fellowship, assistantship, or other type of financial aid while enrolled at (most recent school given in 29a)?

- 1 ☐ Yes - Ask i
1 ☐ Scholarship or f
2 ☐ Assistantship
3 ☐ Loan
4 ☐ Other - Spe

i. What kind?

j. How much was it?

- 1 ☐ College
2 ☐ College

k. Why did you decide to continue your education beyond high school?

5 ☐ Other - Specify _____

**CHECK
ITEM D**

- 0 ☐ Respondent has not completed one year
1 ☐ Other - Ask 30a

30a. What field of study in college did you enjoy (have you enjoyed) the most?

b. What is the main reason you enjoyed (have enjoyed) . . . ?

E. CURRENT LABOR FORCE STATUS

37 What were you doing most of LAST WEEK -

☐ working
☐ going to school
or something else?

- 1 ☐ WK - Working - SKIP to 38b
2 ☐ J - With a job but not at work
3 ☐ Lk - Looking for work
4 ☐ S - Going to school
5 ☐ U - Unable to work -
SKIP to 41a, page 11
6 ☐ OT - Other - Specify

38c. Do you USUALLY work 35 hours or more a week at this job?

- 1 ☐ Yes - d. What is the reason you worked less than 35 hours LAST WEEK?
2 ☐ No - e. What is the reason you USUALLY work less than 35 hours a week?

(Mark the appropriate reason)

- 01 ☐ Slack work
02 ☐ Material shortage
03 ☐ Plant or machine repair
04 ☐ New job started during week
05 ☐ Job terminated during week
06 ☐ Could find only part-time work
07 ☐ Labor dispute
08 ☐ Did not want full-time work
09 ☐ Full-time work week under 35 hours
10 ☐ Attends school
11 ☐ Holiday (legal or religious)
12 ☐ Bad weather
13 ☐ Own illness
14 ☐ On vacation
15 ☐ Too busy with housework, personal business, etc.
16 ☐ Other - Specify

(If entry in 38d or 38e, SKIP to 42a on page 11 and enter job worked at last week.)

38a. Did you do any work at all LAST WEEK, not counting work around the house?

- 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No - SKIP to 39a

b. How many hours did you work LAST WEEK at all jobs?

CHECK ITEM H

Respondent worked -

- 1 ☐ 49 hours or more - SKIP to 42a on page 11 and enter job worked at last week
2 ☐ 1-34 hours - Ask c-e
3 ☐ 35-48 hours - Ask f-h

f. Did you lose any time or take any time off from work LAST WEEK for any reason such as illness, holiday, or slack work?

- 1 ☐ Yes - How many hours did you take off?
2 ☐ No

NOTE: Correct item 38b if lost time not already deducted; if item 38b is reduced below 35 hours, ask items 38c-e, otherwise skip to 42a.

g. Did you work any overtime or extra hours LAST WEEK?

- 1 ☐ Yes - How many extra hours did you work?
2 ☐ No

NOTE: Correct item 38b if extra hours not already included and skip to 42a.

h. Did you work at more than one job or for more than one employer LAST WEEK?

- 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No

NOTE: Find out whether hours on extra jobs were included in item 38b; if not, correct. (SKIP to 42a)

NOTES

(If "J" in 37, skip to 39b)

39a. Even though you did not work LAST WEEK, do you have a job (or business)?

- 1 ☐ Yes - Ask b
x ☐ No - SKIP to 40a

b. Why were you absent from work LAST WEEK?

- 1 ☐ Own illness
2 ☐ On vacation
3 ☐ Bad weather
4 ☐ Labor dispute
5 ☐ New job to begin within 30 days - Ask 40c(2)
6 ☐ Temporary layoff (less than 30 days)
7 ☐ Indefinite layoff (more than 30 days or no definite recall date) } Ask 40c(1)
8 ☐ School interfered
9 ☐ Other - Specify

c. Are you getting wages or salary for any of the time off LAST WEEK?

- 1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No
3 ☐ Self-employed

d. Do you usually work 35 hours or more a week at this job?

- 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No

(Go to 42a and enter job held last week.)

E. CURRENT LABOR FORCE STATUS - Continued

(If "LK" in item 37, skip to 40b)

40a. Have you been looking for work during the past 4 weeks?

1 ☐ Yes x ☐ No - SKIP to 41a

b. What have you been doing in the last 4 weeks to find work?

(Mark all methods used, do not read list)

0 ☐ Checked with school employment service (or counselor)

1 ☐ Checked with public employment agency

2 ☐ Checked with private employment agency

3 ☐ Checked directly with employer

4 ☐ Placed or answered ads

5 ☐ Checked with friends or relatives

6 ☐ Other - Specify: For example, MDTA, union, or professional register, etc.

7 ☐ Nothing - SKIP to 41a

c. (1) How many weeks have you been looking for work?

(2) How many weeks ago did you start looking for a job?

(3) How many weeks ago were you laid off?

Number of weeks _____

d. Have you been looking for full- or part-time work?

1 ☐ Full time 2 ☐ Part time

e. Is there any reason why you could not take a job LAST WEEK?

1 ☐ Yes - Check reason

1 ☐ Needed at home

2 ☐ Temporary illness

3 ☐ School

4 ☐ Other - Specify _____

2 ☐ No

f. When did you last work at a full- or part-time job or business lasting two consecutive weeks or more?

1 ☐ 1961 or later
Month _____ Year _____ } SKIP to 42a and enter last job

2 ☐ Before 1961

3 ☐ Never worked 2 weeks or more } SKIP to Section II, page 17

4 ☐ Never worked at all

41a. When did you last work at a regular full- or part-time job or business lasting two consecutive weeks or more?

0 ☐ Never worked at all

x ☐ Never worked 2 weeks or more } SKIP to 45a

1 ☐ Before 1961

2 ☐ 1961 or later _____ (Month and year)

b. Why did you leave that job?

1 ☐ Personal, family reasons

2 ☐ Health reasons

3 ☐ School

4 ☐ SEASONAL job completed

5 ☐ Slack work or business conditions

6 ☐ TEMPORARY nonseasonal job completed

7 ☐ Unsatisfactory work arrangement (hours, pay, etc.)

8 ☐ Other - Specify _____

(SKIP to 45a)

42a. For whom did you work? (Name of company, organization, or other employer)

b. Where is . . . located?

City _____

State _____

c. What kind of work were you doing? (For example: civil engineer, stock clerk, typist, farmer, etc.)

d. What kind of business or industry is this? (For example: TV and radio manufacturers, retail shoe store, State Labor Department, farm, etc.)

e. Were you -

1 ☐ P - an employee of PRIVATE company, business, or individual for wages, salary, or commission? } Ask f

2 ☐ G - a GOVERNMENT employee (Federal, State, county, or local)?

3 ☐ Q - SELF-EMPLOYED in OWN business, professional practice, or farm? } SKIP to 43a

Is this business incorporated?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4 ☐ WP - Working WITHOUT PAY in family business or farm?

f. How much do (did) you usually earn at this job before deductions?

\$ _____ per _____

(If amount given per HOUR, record dollars and cents; otherwise round to the nearest dollar)

43a. How did you find out about this job?

0 ☐ School employment service (or counselor)

1 ☐ Public employment agency

2 ☐ Private employment agency

3 ☐ Employer

4 ☐ Newspaper ads

5 ☐ Friends or relatives

6 ☐ Other - Specify _____

b. When did you start working at this job or business?

_____ or (if 1966) _____
(Year) (Month)

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2 ☐ Respondent is in Labor Force Group A and entry in 43b is October 1965

or later - *SKIP to 44c*

x ☐ All others - *SKIP to Section F*

- 44a. Have you ever done any other kind of work for (name of employer in 42a)?
- b. What kind of work were you doing a year ago at this time?
- c. Were you working a year ago at this time?
- d. For whom did you work then?
- e. What kind of business was this?
- f. What kind of work were you doing?
- g. Would you say that the work you are doing now requires more skill than the work you were doing a year ago?
- h. Would you say that you have more responsibility in the work you are doing now than in the work you were doing a year ago?

1 ☐ Yes - Ask b

2 ☐ No - *SKIP to g*

(*SKIP to g*)

1 ☐ Yes - Ask d

x ☐ No - *SKIP to Section F*

1 ☐ More

2 ☐ Less

3 ☐ The same amount

1 ☐ More

2 ☐ Less

3 ☐ The same amount

(*SKIP to Section F*)

- 45a. Do you intend to look for work of any kind in the next 12 months?

1 ☐ Yes - definitely

2 ☐ Yes - probably

3 ☐ Maybe, it depends on - What?

(*SKIP to 46*)

4 ☐ No

5 ☐ Don't know

} *SKIP to 46*

Month

- b. When do you intend to start looking for work?

- c. What kind of work do you think you will look for?

- d. What will you do to find work?

0 ☐ Check with school employment service (or counselor)

1 ☐ Check with public employment agency

2 ☐ Check with private employment agency

3 ☐ Check directly with employer

4 ☐ Place or answer newspaper ads

5 ☐ Check with friends or relatives

6 ☐ Other - Specify

46. Why would you say that you are not looking for work at this time?

1 ☐ School

2 ☐ Personal, family

3 ☐ Health reasons

4 ☐ Waiting to be called into military service

5 ☐ Believes no work available

6 ☐ Does not want to work at this time of year

7 ☐ Other or no reason

- 47a. If you were offered a job by some employer in THIS AREA, do you think you would take it?

1 ☐ Yes

2 ☐ It depends - On what?

3 ☐ No - Why not?

(*SKIP to Check item 1*)

- b. How many hours per week would you be willing to work?

1 ☐ 1-4

4 ☐ 25-34

7 ☐ 49 or more

2 ☐ 5-14

5 ☐ 35-40

3 ☐ 15-24

6 ☐ 41-48

- c. What kind of work would it have to be?

age or salary have to be?

\$ _____ per _____

Respondent has never worked (Q. 40f or 41a) - *SKIP to Section H, page 17*

Go back and complete 42a-43b for most recent job

| | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| CHECK ITEM K | SKIP to Section G, page 15 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Not enrolled in school - Go to part 2 | | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Force Group B ("LK" in 37 or "Yes" in 40a) - SKIP to 57a x <input type="checkbox"/> All others - SKIP to Section G, page 15 |
| 48. How do you feel about the job you have now? | | Do you - 1 <input type="checkbox"/> like it very much? 2 <input type="checkbox"/> like it fairly well? 3 <input type="checkbox"/> dislike it somewhat? 4 <input type="checkbox"/> dislike it very much? | |
| 49a. What are the things you like best about your job? (Try to obtain THREE things) | | 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ | |
| b. What are the things about your job that you don't like so well? (Try to obtain THREE things) | | 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ | |
| 50. Suppose someone IN THIS AREA offered you a job in the same line of work you're in now. What would the wage or salary have to be for you to be willing to take it? | | \$ _____ per _____ | o <input type="checkbox"/> I wouldn't take it at any conceivable pay |
| | | Respondent's comments _____ _____ _____ | |
| 51. What if this job were in SOME OTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY. What would the wage or salary have to be for you to be willing to take it? | | \$ _____ per _____ | o <input type="checkbox"/> I wouldn't take it at any conceivable pay |
| | | Respondent's comments _____ _____ _____ | |
| CHECK ITEM L | x <input type="checkbox"/> "O" checked in 42e - SKIP to Section G, page 15 i <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Ask 52 | | |
| 52. If for some reason you were permanently to lose YOUR PRESENT JOB TOMORROW, what would you do? | | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Return to school; get training - Ask 53a-c 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Take another job I know about - Ask 54a 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Go into business - Ask 55a 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Look for work - Ask 56a 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Enter Armed Forces - SKIP to Section G, page 15 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____ (SK" | |
| 53a. What kind of courses or training would you take? | | _____ _____ | |
| b. Where would you enroll for such schooling? | | _____ _____ | |
| c. How would you finance this schooling? | | _____ _____ | |

F. ATTITUDES TOWARD WORK - Continued

54a. For whom would you work?

b. What kind of business or industry would this be?

c. What kind of work do you think you would be doing? ...

d. In what city (or county) and State would this job be located?

City or county

State

(SKIP to Section G)

What kind of business?

In what city (or county) and State would it be located? ..

City or county

State

(SKIP to Section G)

What kind of work would you look for?

How would you go about looking for this kind of work? ..

0 ☐ Check with school employment service (or counselor)

1 ☐ Check with public employment agency

2 ☐ Check with private employment agency

3 ☐ Check directly with employer

4 ☐ Place or answer newspaper ads

5 ☐ Check with friends and relatives

6 ☐ Other - Specify _____

Are there any particular companies in this area where you would apply? (List names)

☐ None - SKIP to Section G

Number of companies

Why do you mention these particular companies?

(SKIP to Section G)

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What type of work are you looking for?

What would the wage or salary have to be for you to take it?

\$ _____ per _____

As far as you are concerned, are there any restrictions on where the job should be located?

1 ☐ Yes - Ask d

2 ☐ No - SKIP to Section G

restrictions?

During Section F was another person present?

☐ No - Go to Section G

influenced the respondent's answers?

☐ No

G. PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>58a. In how many different weeks did you work either full- or part-time in the last 12 months, (not counting work around the house)? Count any week where you did any work at all. (Include paid vacations and paid sick leave.)</p> | <p>0 <input type="checkbox"/> None - Skip to 61a</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weeks _____</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 49 or more 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-14 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-40 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-24 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 41-48</p> |
| <p>CHECK ITEM M</p> <p>1 52 weeks in 58a - Ask 59a 2 1-51 weeks in 58a - SKIP to 59b</p> | |
| <p>59a. Did you lose any full weeks of work in the last 12 months because you were on layoff from a job or lost a job?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How many weeks? _____ (Adjust item 58a and skip to 60) X <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 63</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How many weeks? _____ 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 62</p> |
| <p>b. You say you worked (entry in 58a) weeks in the last 12 months. In any of the remaining (52 weeks minus entry in 58a) weeks were you looking for work or on layoff from a job?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, 1 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No, 2 3 <input type="checkbox"/> No, 3+ } SKIP to 61c</p> |
| <p>0. Were all of these weeks in one stretch?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask b 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to Check Item N</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Weeks _____</p> |
| <p>1a. Even though you did not work in the last 12 months, did you spend any time trying to find work or on layoff from a job?</p> | <p>0 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked with school employment service (or counselor) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked with public employment agency 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked with private employment agency 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked directly with employer 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Placed or answered newspaper ads 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Checked with friends and relatives 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____</p> |
| <p>b. How many different weeks were you looking for work or on layoff from a job?</p> | |
| <p>c. What did you do to try to find work?</p> | |
| <p>CHECK ITEM N</p> <p>X <input type="checkbox"/> All weeks of the last 12 months are accounted for - SKIP to 63 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Ask 62</p> | |
| <p>2. Now let me see. During the last 12 months there were about (52 weeks minus entries in items 58a, 59a, 59b, or 61b) weeks that you were not working or looking for work. What would you say was the main reason that you were not looking for work during these weeks?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Didn't want to work 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Ill or disabled and unable to work 3 <input type="checkbox"/> In school 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Couldn't find work 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____</p> |
| <p>3. (If "0" in 42e) Did you work for anyone (else) for wages or salary in the past 12 months?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask 64 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 65a</p> |
| <p>4. In the last 12 months, for how many different employers did you work?</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Number of employers _____</p> <p>0 <input type="checkbox"/> Did not work in last 12 months</p> |
| <p>5a. During your last full year in high school, did you hold a full- or part-time job that lasted two weeks or more? . . .</p> | <p>X <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent never attended a full year of high school - SKIP to Check Item O 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to Check Item O</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> |
| <p>b. For whom did you work?</p> | <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> |
| <p>c. What kind of work did you do? (Specify kind of work). . . .</p> | <p>0 <input type="checkbox"/> Job is same as job reported in 42a - Ask k-l only</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> |
| <p>d. What kind of business or industry is that?</p> | <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> |
| <p>e. Where is (was) this job located?</p> | <p>City _____ State _____</p> |

G. PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE - Continued

65f. How did you find this job?

- 0 ☐ School employment service (or equivalent)
- 1 ☐ Public employment agency
- 2 ☐ Private employment agency
- 3 ☐ Employer
- 4 ☐ Newspaper ads
- 5 ☐ Relatives or friends
- 6 ☐ Other - Specify

g. When did you START working at this job?

Year

h. How many hours per week did you usually work?

- 1 ☐ 1-4 4 ☐ 25-34 7 ☐ 40 or more
- 2 ☐ 5-14 5 ☐ 35-40
- 3 ☐ 15-24 6 ☐ 41-48

i. When did you STOP working at this job?

Year

j. Why did you leave this job?

k. Do you feel that this job interfered with your school work in any way?

- 1 ☐ Yes - Ask l 2 ☐ No - SKIP to Check Item l

l. How did it interfere?

- 1 ☐ Not enough time for school work
- 2 ☐ Late hours
- 3 ☐ Other - Specify

CHECK
ITEM 0

- x ☐ Respondent is enrolled in school this year (Q. 1) - SKIP to Section II
- 1 ☐ Respondent is not enrolled in school this year - Ask 66a

Let's look back now to when you stopped going to school full time. I'd like to know about the first job at which you worked at least a month.

66a. For whom did you work then?

Job is same as:

b. What kind of business or industry was that?

- ☐ Job reported in 42a } Ask for units
- ☐ Job reported in 65b }

c. Where was that job located?

City or county State

d. How did you find this job?

- 0 ☐ School employment service (or equivalent)
- 1 ☐ Public employment agency
- 2 ☐ Private employment agency
- 3 ☐ Employer
- 4 ☐ Newspaper ads
- 5 ☐ Relatives or friends
- 6 ☐ Other - Specify

e. When did you START working at that job?

Month

Year

f. What kind of work were you doing WHEN YOU STARTED TO WORK THERE?

g. What kind of work were you doing JUST BEFORE YOU LEFT THIS JOB?

h. When did you STOP working at that job?

Month

Year

i. Why did you leave that job?

NOTES

H. KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD OF WORK

67. I'd like your opinion about the kind of work that men in certain jobs usually do. For each occupation on this card (*Show Flashcard 1*) there are three descriptions of job duties. Will you please tell me which description you think best fits each job? Be sure to read all of the possible answers before you decide.

A-1. HOSPITAL ORDERLY

- 1 ☐ Helps to take care of hospital patients
- 2 ☐ Orders food and other supplies for hospital kitchens
- 3 ☐ Works at hospital desk where patients check in
- 4 ☐ Don't know - SKIP to B-1

B-1. MACHINIST

- 1 ☐ Makes adjustments on automobile, airplane, and tractor engines
- 2 ☐ Repairs electrical equipment
- 3 ☐ Sets up and operates metal lathes, shapers, grinders, buffers, etc.
- 4 ☐ Don't know - SKIP to C-1

C-1. ACETYLENE WELDER

- 1 ☐ Builds wooden crates to hold tanks of acetylene gas
- 2 ☐ Uses a gas torch to cut metal or join pieces of metal together
- 3 ☐ Operates a machine that stitches the soles to the upper parts of shoes
- 4 ☐ Don't know - SKIP to D-1

D-1. STATIONARY ENGINEER

- 1 ☐ Works at a desk, making drawings and solving engineering problems
- 2 ☐ Drives a locomotive that moves cars around in a freight yard
- 3 ☐ Operates and maintains such equipment as steam boilers and generators
- 4 ☐ Don't know - SKIP to E-1

E-1. STATISTICAL CLERK

- 1 ☐ Makes calculations with an adding machine or a calculator
- 2 ☐ Sells various kinds of office machines and office supplies
- 3 ☐ Collects tickets at sports events and other types of entertainment
- 4 ☐ Don't know - SKIP to F-1

F-1. FORK LIFT OPERATOR

- 1 ☐ Operates a machine that makes a certain kind of agricultural tool
- 2 ☐ Operates a freight elevator in a warehouse or factory
- 3 ☐ Drives an electrical or gas powered machine to move material in a warehouse or factory
- 4 ☐ Don't know - SKIP to G-1

G-1. ECONOMIST

- 1 ☐ Prepares menus in a hospital, hotel, or other such establishment
- 2 ☐ Does research on such matters as general business conditions, unemployment, etc.
- 3 ☐ Assists a chemist in developing chemical formulas
- 4 ☐ Don't know - SKIP to H-1

A-2. How much regular schooling do you think hospital orderlies usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

B-2. How much regular schooling do you think machinists usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

C-2. How much regular schooling do you think acetylene welders usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

D-2. How much regular schooling do you think stationary engineers usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

E-2. How much regular schooling do you think statistical clerks usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

F-2. How much regular schooling do you think fork lift operators usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

G-2. How much regular schooling do you think economists usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

H. KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD OF WORK - Continued

67. H-1. MEDICAL ILLUSTRATOR

- 1 ☐ Hands tools and equipment to a surgeon during an operation
- 2 ☐ Demonstrates the use of various types of medicines
- 3 ☐ Draws pictures that are used to teach anatomy and surgical operating procedures
- 4 ☐ Don't know - SKIP to I-1

I-1. DRAFTSMAN

- 1 ☐ Makes scale drawings of products or equipment for engineering or manufacturing purposes
- 2 ☐ Mixes and serves drinks in a bar or tavern
- 3 ☐ Pushes or pulls a cart in a factory or warehouse
- 4 ☐ Don't know - SKIP to J-1

J-1. SOCIAL WORKER

- 1 ☐ Works for a welfare agency and helps people with various types of problems they may have
- 2 ☐ Conducts research on life in primitive societies
- 3 ☐ Writes newspaper stories on marriages, engagements, births, and similar events
- 4 ☐ Don't know - SKIP to 68

H-2. How much regular schooling do you think medical illustrators usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

I-2. How much regular schooling do you think draftsmen usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

J-2. How much regular schooling do you think social workers usually have?

- 1 ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- 2 ☐ A high school diploma
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ College degree
- 5 ☐ Don't know

68. What would you say is more important to YOU in deciding what kind of work you want to go into, good wages or liking the work?

- 1 ☐ Liking it 2 ☐ Good wages

Now I'd like your opinion on whether people in certain occupations earn more, on the average, than people in other occupations. By average, we mean the average of all men in this occupation in the entire United States.

69. Who do you think earns more in a year; a man who is:

- | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <p>a. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> An automobile mechanic or 2 <input type="checkbox"/> An electrician?</p> | } | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <p>b. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> A medical doctor or 2 <input type="checkbox"/> A lawyer?</p> | } | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <p>c. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> An aeronautical engineer or 2 <input type="checkbox"/> A medical doctor?</p> | } | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <p>d. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> A truck driver or 2 <input type="checkbox"/> A grocery store clerk?</p> | } | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <p>e. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> An unskilled laborer in a steel mill or 2 <input type="checkbox"/> An unskilled laborer in a shoe factory?</p> | } | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <p>f. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> A lawyer or 2 <input type="checkbox"/> A high school teacher?</p> | } | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <p>g. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> A high school teacher or 2 <input type="checkbox"/> A janitor?</p> | } | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <p>h. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> A janitor or 2 <input type="checkbox"/> A policeman?</p> | } | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

Is another person present?

☐ No - Go to Section I

Answers?

I. FUTURE JOB PLANS

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| 70. Now I would like to talk to you about your future job plans. What kind of work would you like to be doing when you are 30 years old? | x <input type="checkbox"/> Same as present job } <i>SKIP to Section I</i> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| 71. Why do you think you would like this type of work? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Like, enjoy, or interested in it, find it satisfying 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Feel work is important 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Ability or talent in it 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Economic characteristics (pay, hours, security, etc.) 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____ |
| 72. What do you think your chances are of actually getting into this type of work? | Are they - 1 <input type="checkbox"/> excellent } <i>SKIP to 74</i> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> good 3 <input type="checkbox"/> fair } <i>Ask 73</i> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> poor |
| 73. Why do you think the chances are not so good? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Poor grades 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of education 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of experience 4 <input type="checkbox"/> May change his mind (not sure) 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____ |
| 74. If you can't be a (type of work given in 70), what type of work do you think you will be doing at age 30? | |
| While answering Section I was another person present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Go to Section I Would you say this person influenced the respondent's answers? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

J. HEALTH

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| CHECK ITEM P | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent is currently in school (Q. 1) - Ask 75 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent is currently not in school - SKIP to 76 |
| 5. Do you have any health problems that limit in any way your activity in school? | x <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - SKIP to 78a 1 <input type="checkbox"/> No - Ask 76 |
| 6. Do you have any health problems that limit in any way the amount or kind of work you can do? | x <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - SKIP to 78a 1 <input type="checkbox"/> No - Ask 77 |
| 7. Do you have any health problems that limit in any way all your other activities? (If "Yes" in any of 75-77) | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask 78a 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 79a |
| 8a. How long have you been limited in this way? | Years _____ |
| b. In what way are you limited? | _____ |
| 9a. Does your wife's health limit the amount or kind of work she can do? | x <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent not married - SKIP to Section K 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - SKIP to 80a 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - Ask b |
| b. Does your wife's health limit the amount or kind of housework she can do? (If "Yes" in 79a or b) | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask 80a x <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to Section K |
| 10a. How long has she been limited in this way? | Years _____ |
| b. In what way is she limited? | _____ |

K. ASSETS

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| CHECK ITEM Q | x <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent is NOT head of household - SKIP to 83a 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent is head of household - Ask 81a |
| a. In the last 12 months, did you (or your wife) receive financial assistance from any of your relatives? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask b-c 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to Check Item R |
| b. From whom? | _____ |
| c. How much did you receive? | \$ _____ |

| K. ASSETS - Continued | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|------------|--|---|---|--|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| CHECK ITEM R | Tenure (HRC item 22) is: <input type="checkbox"/> Owned or being bought - Ask 82a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rented or no cash rent - SKIP to 83a | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> 82a. Is this house (apartment) owned or being bought by you (or your wife)? b. About how much do you think this property would sell for on today's market? c. About how much do you (or your wife) owe on this property for mortgages, back taxes, home improvement loans, etc.? </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes x <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 83a </div> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> \$ _____ 0 <input type="checkbox"/> None </div> </div> </div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> 83a. Do you (or your wife) have any money in savings or checking accounts, savings and loan companies, or credit unions? b. Do you (or your wife) have any - (1) U.S. Savings Bonds? (2) Stocks, bonds, or mutual funds? </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much altogether? \$ _____ 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - Go to b </div> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - What is their face value? \$ _____ 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - Go to (2) </div> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - About how much is their market value? \$ _____ 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - Go to 84a </div> </div> </div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> 84a. Do YOU (or your wife) rent, own, or have an investment in a farm, business, or any other real estate? b. Which one? c. About how much do you think this (business, farm, or other real estate) would sell for on today's market? d. What is the total amount of debt and other liabilities on this (business, farm, or other real estate)? </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask b-d 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 85a </div> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Farm 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Business 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate </div> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> \$ _____ 0 <input type="checkbox"/> None </div> </div> </div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> 85a. Do you (or your wife) own an automobile? b. What is the make and model year? (If more than one, ask about newest) c. Do you owe any money on this automobile? </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ask b-c 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 86 </div> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Model year _____ Make _____ </div> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much altogether? \$ _____ 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No </div> </div> </div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> 86. Do you (or your wife) owe any (other) money to stores, banks, doctors, or anyone else, excluding 30-day charge accounts? </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much? \$ _____ 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No </div> </div> </div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| L. INCOME | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Now I would like to ask a few questions about your income in the last 12 months. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> 87a. How much did you (and your wife) receive from wages, salary, commissions, or tips from all jobs, before deductions for taxes or anything else? b. Did you (and your wife) receive any income from working on your own or in your own business or farm? <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="flex: 1;">\$ _____ less \$ _____</div> <div style="flex: 1; text-align: center;">=</div> <div style="flex: 1;">_____</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;"> (Gross income) (Expenses) </div> c. Did you (or your wife) receive any unemployment compensation? d. Did you (or your wife) receive any other income, such as rental income, interest or dividends, income as a result of disability or illness, etc.? </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">RESPONDENT</th> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">WIFE x <input type="checkbox"/> Not married</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">\$ _____ 0 <input type="checkbox"/> None</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">\$ _____ 0 <input type="checkbox"/> None</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much? \$ _____</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much? \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ^y (1) How many weeks? _____</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ^y (1) How many weeks? _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">(2) How much? \$ _____</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">(2) How much? \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much? \$ _____</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much? \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> </div> | | | RESPONDENT | WIFE x <input type="checkbox"/> Not married | \$ _____ 0 <input type="checkbox"/> None | \$ _____ 0 <input type="checkbox"/> None | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much? \$ _____ | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much? \$ _____ | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ^y (1) How many weeks? _____ | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ^y (1) How many weeks? _____ | (2) How much? \$ _____ | (2) How much? \$ _____ | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much? \$ _____ | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much? \$ _____ | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| RESPONDENT | WIFE x <input type="checkbox"/> Not married | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \$ _____ 0 <input type="checkbox"/> None | \$ _____ 0 <input type="checkbox"/> None | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much? \$ _____ | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much? \$ _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ^y (1) How many weeks? _____ | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ^y (1) How many weeks? _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (2) How much? \$ _____ | (2) How much? \$ _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much? \$ _____ | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - How much? \$ _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CHECK ITEM S | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respondent (and wife) lives alone - SKIP to 88b <input type="checkbox"/> All others - Ask 88a (If two or more RELATED respondents in household, ask 88a-b only once, and transcribe answers from the first to the other questionnaires.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

L. INCOME - Continued

88a. In the past 12 months, what was the total income of ALL family members living here? (Show Flashcard 2).

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Under \$1,000 (A) | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 6,000-\$ 7,499 (G) |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000-\$1,999 (B) | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 7,500- 9,999 (H) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2,000- 2,999 (C) | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,000- 14,999 (I) |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 3,000- 3,999 (D) | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 15,000- 24,999 (J) |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 4,000- 4,999 (E) | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 25,000 and over (K) |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 5,000- 5,999 (F) | |

b. Did anyone in this family receive any welfare or public assistance in the last 12 months?

- 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No

CHECK
ITEM T

- × ☐ Respondent lives with parents - SKIP to Section M
1 ☐ Respondent does not live with parents - Ask 89a

89a. How many persons, not counting yourself (or your wife), are dependent upon you for at least one-half of their support?

0 ☐ None - SKIP to Section M

b. Do any of these dependents live somewhere other than here at home with you?

- 1 ☐ Yes - Who are they? _____
2 ☐ No _____

While answering Sections K and L, was another person present?

☐ Yes

☐ No - Go to Section M

Would you say this person influenced the respondent's answers?

☐ Yes

☐ No

M. FAMILY BACKGROUND

Now I have some questions on your family background.

90. Where were you born?

1 ☐ U.S.

City

County

State

2 ☐ Outside U.S.

Country

91. For how long have you been living in this area (city or county of CURRENT residence)?

1 ☐ Less than 1 year

2 ☐ 1 year or more - Specify _____

3 ☐ All my life - SKIP to 94

92. Where did you live before moving to (name of city or county of CURRENT residence)?

1 ☐ U.S.

City

County

State

2 ☐ Outside U.S.

Country

93. Where did you live when you were 18?

1 ☐ U.S.

0 ☐ Respondent is 18 or less

City

County

State

2 ☐ Outside U.S.

Country

Now I'd like to ask about your parents.

94. Are your mother and father living?

1 ☐ BOTH parents alive

2 ☐ MOTHER alive, Father dead

3 ☐ FATHER alive, Mother dead

4 ☐ NEITHER parent alive

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------|--|--------------------|--|--------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| <p>95. What about your wife's parents? Are her mother and father living?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH parents alive 2 <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER alive, Father dead 3 <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER alive, Mother dead 4 <input type="checkbox"/> NEITHER parent alive</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>96. Where were your parents born - in the U.S. or some other country?</p> | <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">a. Father</td><td>1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify</td></tr> <tr> <td>b. Mother</td><td>1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify</td></tr> </table> | a. Father | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify | b. Mother | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify | | | | |
| a. Father | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify | | | | | | | | |
| b. Mother | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify | | | | | | | | |
| <p>97. In what country were your grandparents born?</p> | <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">a. Father's father</td><td>1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify</td></tr> <tr> <td>b. Father's mother</td><td>1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify</td></tr> <tr> <td>c. Mother's father</td><td>1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify</td></tr> <tr> <td>d. Mother's mother</td><td>1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify</td></tr> </table> | a. Father's father | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify | b. Father's mother | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify | c. Mother's father | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify | d. Mother's mother | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify |
| a. Father's father | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify | | | | | | | | |
| b. Father's mother | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify | | | | | | | | |
| c. Mother's father | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify | | | | | | | | |
| d. Mother's mother | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify | | | | | | | | |
| <p>98. Which of the categories on this card describes where you were living when you were 14 years old? ... (Show Flashcard 3)</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> On a farm or ranch 2 <input type="checkbox"/> In the country, not on farm or ranch 3 <input type="checkbox"/> In a town or small city (under 25,000) 4 <input type="checkbox"/> In the suburb of a large city 5 <input type="checkbox"/> In a city of 25,000-100,000 6 <input type="checkbox"/> In a large city (100,000 or more)</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>99. With whom were you living when you were 14 years old?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Father and mother 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Father and step-mother 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Mother and step-father 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Father 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Mother 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Some other adult MALE relative (Specify) 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Some other adult FEMALE relative (Specify) 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Some other arrangement Describe 9 <input type="checkbox"/> On my own - SKIP to 101a</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>100. What kind of work was your father (or the head of the household) doing when you were 14 years old?</p> | <p>Occupation</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>101a. Did you or your parents (or person mentioned in 99) regularly get any magazines when you were about 14 years old?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>b. Did you or your parents (or person mentioned in 99) regularly get a newspaper when you were about 14 years old?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Do you or your parents (or person mentioned in 99) have a library card?</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>14 years old (Q. 99) } SKIP to Check Item V</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>.....</p> | <p>Weeks 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Did not work } SKIP to 103a 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>? ...</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Full time 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Part time</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>.....</p> | | | | | | | | | |

| M. FAMILY BACKGROUND - Continued | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 103a. What was the highest grade (or year) of regular school your father ever attended? | | | | | | (1) Elementary . . . 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 (2) High school . . 1 2 3 4 (3) College 1 2 3 4 5 6+ <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> b. Did he finish this grade (or year)? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CHECK ITEM V 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Mother lives in household 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Mother deceased 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Did not live with mother when 14 years old (Q. 99) <input type="checkbox"/> Other — Ask 101a | | | | | | } SKIP to 106a | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 104a. Did your mother work at all during the past 12 months? b. How many weeks did she work? c. Did your mother usually work full time or part time? d. What kind of work was she doing? (If more than one, record the one worked at longest.) | | | | | | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Ask b 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No — SKIP to 105a 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know—SKIP to 105a <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> Weeks _____ <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Full time 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 105a. What was the highest grade (or year) of regular school your mother ever attended? b. Did she finish this grade (or year)? | | | | | | (1) Elementary . . . 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 (2) High school . . 1 2 3 4 (3) College 1 2 3 4 5 6+ <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 106a. Do you have any brothers or sisters who live somewhere else? b. How many? c. How old is the oldest (living) one? | | | | | | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No — SKIP to 108 <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> Age _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 107a. What was the highest grade (or year) of regular school he (she) ever attended? b. Did he (she) finish this grade (or year)? | | | | | | (1) Elementary . . . 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 (2) High school . . 1 2 3 4 (3) College 1 2 3 4 5 6+ <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 108. What is your Social Security number? | | | | | | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 20px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 12.5%;"></td><td style="width: 12.5%;"></td><td style="width: 12.5%;"></td><td style="width: 12.5%;"></td><td style="width: 12.5%;"></td><td style="width: 12.5%;"></td><td style="width: 12.5%;"></td><td style="width: 12.5%;"></td><td style="width: 12.5%;"></td><td style="width: 12.5%;"></td><td style="width: 12.5%;"></td><td style="width: 12.5%;"></td> </tr> </table> o <input type="checkbox"/> Does not have one | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| NOTES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Now I have a few questions about the education and work experience of the other family members living here.

| Line No. | NAMES List below all persons living here who are related to respondent. Enter the line number from the Household Record Card. | AGE | RELATIONSHIP TO RESPONDENT (Example, wife, son, daughter-in-law, brother, etc.) | Persons 6-24 years old | | | Persons 25 years old and over | | Persons 14 years old and over | | | |
|----------|---|-----|--|--|--------------------|---------|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---|
| | | | | Is . . . attending or enrolled in school? Y - Yes N - No | If "Yes" | | What is the highest grade (year) of regular school . . . has ever attended? | Did this grade (year)? | Did finish this grade (year)? | During the past 12 months, how many weeks did . . . work either full or part time (not counting work around the house)? | In the weeks that . . . worked, how many hours did . . . usually work per week? | What kind of work was . . . doing? (If more than one, record the longest.) |
| | | | | | What grade (year)? | If "No" | | | | | | |
| 109 | 170 | 111 | 112 | 113 | 114 | 115 | 116 | 117 | 118 | 119 | 120 | |
| | | | Respondent | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | | Y N | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | | Y N | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | | Y N | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | | Y N | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | | Y N | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | | Y N | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | | Y N | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | | Y N | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | | Y N | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | | Y N | Y N | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | | Y N | Y N | | | | |

(Ask at the completion of the interview. If more than one respondent in the household, ask for each.)

121. We would like to contact you again next year at this time to bring this information up to date. Would you please give me the name, address, and telephone number of two relatives or friends who will always know where you can be reached even if you move away?

| | Name | Relationship to respondent | Address | Telephone No. |
|----|------|----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| 1. | | | | |
| 2. | | | | |

☐ Respondent is not attending high school (Q. 2)

Respondent is attending high school and -

☐ signed release

☐ did not sign release - Specify _____

CHECK ITEM #

NOTES

NOTICE -- Your report to the Census Bureau is confidential by law (Title 18 U.S. Code). It may be seen only by sworn Census employees and may be used only for statistical purposes.

FORM LGT-211
(6-21-67)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

**NATIONAL LONGITUDINAL SURVEYS
SURVEY OF WORK EXPERIENCE
OF MALES 14 - 24
1967**

RECORD OF CALLS

| Date | Time | Comments |
|------|--------------|----------|
| 1. | a.m. p.m. | |
| 2. | a.m. p.m. | |
| 3. | a.m. p.m. | |
| 4. | a.m. p.m. | |

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

| Interview time | | Date completed | Interviewed by |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Began | Ended | | |
| a.m. p.m. | a.m. p.m. | | |

NONINTERVIEW REASON

- 1 ☐ Temporarily absent
- 2 ☐ Unable to contact respondent -- *Specify*
- 3 ☐ Refused
- 4 ☐ In Armed Forces
- 5 ☐ Other -- *Specify*

TRANSCRIPTION FROM HOUSEHOLD RECORD CARD

Item 13 -- Marital status of respondent (verified)

- 1 ☐ Married, spouse present 3 ☐ Widowed 5 ☐ Separated
- 2 ☐ Married, spouse absent 4 ☐ Divorced 6 ☐ Never married

If respondent has moved, enter new address

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. Number and street | |
| 2. City | 3. County |
| 4. State | 5. ZIP code |

| I. EDUCATIONAL STATUS | |
|--|--|
| 1. Are you attending or enrolled in regular school? | 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - ASK 2 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No When were you last enrolled? _____ } SKIP to <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Month-Year } Check Item A-2</div> |
| 2a. What grade are you attending? | 2a. 1 Elem 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 2 High 1 2 3 4 3 College 1 2 3 4 5 6+ <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> b. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Full time 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Part time |
| CHECK ITEM A-1 | <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Refer to Item 75R on Information Sheet)</div> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent not in school in 1966 - ASK 3 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent in school in 1966 - SKIP to Check Item B |
| CHECK ITEM A-2 | <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Refer to Item 75R on Information Sheet)</div> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent in school in 1966 - SKIP to Check Item E on page 4 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent not in school in 1966 and a college graduate - SKIP to Section II, Page 6 3 <input type="checkbox"/> All others - SKIP to 25a, page 5 |
| 3a. When we talked to you last year, you were not enrolled in school. How long had you been out of school before returning? b. Why did you return? c. In what curriculum are you enrolled? | 3a. Years _____ Months _____ <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> b. _____ x <input type="checkbox"/> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> c. _____ x <input type="checkbox"/> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">SKIP to 5</div> |
| CHECK ITEM B | <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Refer to Item 75R on Information Sheet)</div> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent in high school - 1966; College now - SKIP to 5 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - ASK 4 |
| 4. Are you attending the same school as you were when we talked to you last year? | 4. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - SKIP to 10 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - ASK 5 |
| 5. What is the name of the school you now attend? | 5. _____ |
| 6. Where is this school located? | 6. City _____ County _____ State _____ |
| 7. Is this school public or private? | 7. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Public 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Private |
| 8. When did you enter this school? | 8. Month _____ Year _____ |
| CHECK ITEM C | <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Refer to Item 75R on Information Sheet)</div> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent in college I now - SKIP to 15 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent in high school I now 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent not in school in 1966 } SKIP to 23, page 5 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - ASK 9 |
| 9. How did you happen to change schools? | 9. _____ x <input type="checkbox"/> |

I. EDUCATIONAL STATUS - Continued

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| 10. Would you say you now like school more, about the same, or less than you did last year? | 10. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> More } ASK 11 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Less } 3 <input type="checkbox"/> About the same - SKIP to 12 |
| 11. Why do you like it more (less)? | 11. _____ |
| 12. Are you enrolled in the same curriculum now as you were last year? | 12. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes } 2 <input type="checkbox"/> College - SKIP to 15 3 <input type="checkbox"/> High school - SKIP to 23 4 <input type="checkbox"/> No - ASK 13 |
| 13. In what curriculum are you enrolled now? | 13. _____ x <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. How did you happen to change your curriculum? | 14. _____ |
| (If in college) 15a. How much is the full-time tuition this year at . . . ? b. Do you have a scholarship, fellowship, assistantship, or other type of financial aid this year? c. What kind? d. How much is it per year? | 15a. \$ _____ ----- b. _____ ----- c. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Assistantship x <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify _____ ----- d. \$ _____ |
| CHECK ITEM D | (Refer to Item 75R on Information Sheet) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent in college 4 - 6 in 1966 - ASK 16 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - SKIP to 23 |
| 16a. Have you received a degree since we talked to you last year? b. What degree was it? c. In what field did you receive your degree? d. Why did you decide to continue your education after receiving this degree? | 16a. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - ASK b 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 23 ----- b. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's (B.A., B.S., A.B.) 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Masters (M.S., M.B., MBA) 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor's (Ph.D.) 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____ ----- c. _____ x <input type="checkbox"/> ----- d. _____ ----- SKIP to 23 |

I. EDUCATIONAL STATUS - Continued

(Refer to Item 75R on Information Sheet)

CHECK ITEM E

- 1 ☐ Respondent in high school 1 - 3 last year - ASK 17a
- 2 ☐ Respondent in high school 4 last year - SKIP to 18a
- 3 ☐ Respondent in college 1 - 3 last year - SKIP to 20a
- 4 ☐ Respondent in college 4+ last year - SKIP to 21a

17a. When we talked to you last year, you were attending
year of high school. Did you complete that year?

b. Any did you drop out of high school?

c. Do you expect to return?

d. When do you expect to return?

17a. 1 ☐ Yes

2 ☐ No

b.

c. 1 ☐ Yes - ASK d

2 ☐ No - SKIP to 25

d.

SKIP to 25

18a. Did you graduate from high school?

b. Why not?

18a. 1 ☐ Yes - SKIP to Check Item F

2 ☐ No - ASK b

b.

(Refer to Item 76R on Information Sheet)

CHECK ITEM F

- 1 ☐ Respondent had planned to enter college when interviewed in 1966 - ASK 19
- 2 ☐ Respondent had not planned to enter college when interviewed in 1966 - SKIP to Section II, Page 6

19. When we talked to you last year, you said you planned to go to college. What caused your plans to change?

19.

SKIP to 25

20a. Last year when we talked to you, you were in college. Why did you decide to drop out?

b. Do you expect to return?

c. When do you think you will return?

20a.

b. 1 ☐ Yes - ASK c

2 ☐ No - SKIP to Section II, Page 6

c.

SKIP to Section II, Page 6

21a. Last year when we talked to you, you were in college. Did you receive a degree?

b. Why did you decide to drop out?

c. Do you expect to return?

d. When?

21a. 1 ☐ Yes - SKIP to 22a

2 ☐ No - ASK b

b.

c. 1 ☐ Yes - ASK d

2 ☐ No - SKIP to Section II, Page 6

d.

SKIP to Section II, Page 6

22a. What degree did you receive?

b. In what field of study did you receive your degree?

22a.

b.

SKIP to Section II, Page 6

I. EDUCATIONAL STATUS - Continued

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|---|--|
| <p>23. How much more education would you like to get?</p> | <p>23. 1 High school 2 College x</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 years (complete junior college) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 years (graduate from 4 year college) <input type="checkbox"/> 6 years (master's degree or equivalent) <input type="checkbox"/> 7+ years (Ph.D. or professional degree) </div> </div> |
| <p><i>(Refer to Item 76R on Reference Sheet)</i></p> | |
| <p>CHECK ITEM G</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Educational goal different from 1966 - ASK 24</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Educational goal same as in 1966 - SKIP to Section II, Page 6</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent not asked about educational goal in 1966 - SKIP to Section II, Page 6</p> |
| <p>24. Last year you said you would like to get (amount of education indicated in 1966). Why have you changed your plans?</p> | <p>24. x</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">SKIP to Section II, Page 6</p> |
| <p>25a. Since our interview last year, have you taken any training courses or educational programs of any kind, either on the job or elsewhere?</p> <p>b. What kind of training or education program did you take? (Specify below, then mark one box).</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <p>c. Where did you take this training or course? (Specify below, then mark one box)</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <p>d. How long did this course or training last?</p> <p>e. How many hours per week did you spend on this training? (Enter the number, and mark one box)</p> <p>f. Did you complete this program?</p> <p>g. Why didn't you complete this program?</p> <p>h. Why did you decide to get more training?</p> <p>i. Do you use this training on your present job?</p> | <p>25a. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - ASK b 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to Section II, Page 6</p> <p>b. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Professional, technical x 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Managerial 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled manual 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>c. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Business college, technical institute 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Company training school 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence course 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Regular school 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>d. Months _____</p> <p>e. Hours _____ 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 4 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 9 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 - 14 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 - 19 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 or more</p> <p>f. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes-When? _____ Month-Year - SKIP to h 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No-Dropped out-When? _____ Month-Year - ASK g 3 <input type="checkbox"/> No - Still enrolled - SKIP to h</p> <p>g. _____</p> <p>h. _____</p> <p>i. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Not employed 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |

II. CURRENT LABOR FORCE STATUS

26. What were you doing most of LAST WEEK --

- ☐ working
☐ going to school
 or something else?

- 1 ☐ WK - Working - *SKIP to 27b*
 2 ☐ J - With a job but not at work
 3 ☐ LK - Looking for work
 4 ☐ S - Going to school
 5 ☐ U - Unable to work - *SKIP to 30a page 7*
 6 ☐ OT - Other - *Specify*

27c. Do you USUALLY work 35 hours or more a week at this job?

- 1 ☐ Yes - d. What is the reason you worked less than 35 hours LAST WEEK?
 2 ☐ No - e. What is the reason you USUALLY work less than 35 hours a week?

(Mark the appropriate reason)

- 01 ☐ Slack work
 02 ☐ Material shortage
 03 ☐ Plant or machine repair
 04 ☐ New job started during week
 05 ☐ Job terminated during week
 06 ☐ Could find only part-time work
 07 ☐ Labor dispute
 08 ☐ Did not want full-time work
 09 ☐ Full-time work week under 35 hours
 10 ☐ Attends school
 11 ☐ Holiday (legal or religious)
 12 ☐ Bad weather
 illness

27a. Did you do any work at all LAST WEEK, not counting work around the house?

- 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No - *SKIP to 28a*

b. How many hours did you work LAST WEEK at all jobs?

CHECK ITEM H

Respondent worked--

- 1 ☐ 49 hours or more - *SKIP to 31a and enter job worked at last week*
 2 ☐ 1-34 hours - *ASK c-e*
 3 ☐ 35-48 hours - *ASK f and g*

f. Did you lose any time or take any time off LAST WEEK for any reason such as illness, holiday, or slack work?

- 1 ☐ Yes - How many hours did you take off?
 2 ☐ No - *Go to 27g*

NOTE: Correct item 27b if lost time not already deducted; if item 27b is reduced below 35 hours, ask items c-e, otherwise skip to 31a.

g. Did you work any overtime or at more than one job LAST WEEK?

- 1 ☐ Yes - How many extra hours did you work?
 2 ☐ No

NOTE: Correct Item 27b if extra hours not already included and SKIP to 31a.

NOTES

(If "J" in 26, skip to 28b)

28a. Did you have a job (or business) from which you were temporarily absent or on layoff LAST WEEK?

- 1 ☐ Yes x ☐ No - *SKIP to 29a*

b. Why were you absent from work LAST WEEK?

- 1 ☐ Own illness
 2 ☐ On vacation
 3 ☐ Bad weather
 4 ☐ Labor dispute
 5 ☐ New job to begin within 30 days } *ASK 29c and 29d(2)*
 6 ☐ Temporary layoff (less than 30 days)
 7 ☐ Indefinite layoff (30 days or more or no definite recall date) } *ASK 29d(3)*
 8 ☐ School interfered
 9 ☐ Other - *Specify*

c. Are you getting wages or salary for any of the time off LAST WEEK?

- 1 ☐ Yes
 2 ☐ No
 3 ☐ Self-employed

d. Do you usually work 35 hours or more a week at this job?

- 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No
 (Go to 31a and enter job held last week.)

II. CURRENT LABOR FORCE STATUS - Continued

29a. (If "LK" in 26, SKIP to 29b)

Have you been looking for work during the past 4 weeks?

1 ☐ Yes x ☐ No - SKIP to 30a

b. What have you been doing in the last 4 weeks to find work?

(Mark all methods used; do not read list.)

x ☐ Nothing - SKIP to 30a

1 ☐ State employment agency

2 ☐ Private employment agency

Checked with -

3 ☐ Employer directly

4 ☐ Friends or relatives

5 ☐ Placed or answered ads

6 ☐ Other - Specify - e.g., MDTA, union or professional register, etc.

c. Why did you start looking for work? Was it because you lost or quit a job at that time (Pause) or was there some other reason?

1 ☐ Lost job

4 ☐ Wanted temporary work

2 ☐ Quit job

5 ☐ Other - Specify in notes

3 ☐ Left school

d. 1) How many weeks have you been looking for work?

2) How many weeks ago did you start looking for work?

3) How many weeks ago were you laid off?

Number of weeks _____

e. Have you been looking for full-time or part-time work?

1 ☐ Full-time

2 ☐ Part-time

f. Is there any reason why you could not take a job LAST WEEK?

1 ☐ Yes

2 ☐ Needed at home

3 ☐ Temporary illness

6 ☐ No

4 ☐ Going to school

5 ☐ Other - Specify

g. When did you last work at a regular full-time or part-time job or business lasting two consecutive weeks or more?

1 ☐ October 15, 1966 or later -

Specify month _____ and SKIP to 31a.

2 ☐ All others - SKIP to 42b, Page 11

30a. When did you last work at a regular full- or part-time job or business lasting two consecutive weeks or more?

1 ☐ October 15, 1966 or later -

Specify month and year _____

ASK
31a

2 ☐ Before October 15, 1966 and "unable" now and "unable" in item 77R on the Information Sheet - SKIP to Section V, Income and Assets, Page 16

3 ☐ All others - SKIP to 42a, Page 11

DESCRIPTION OF JOB OR BUSINESS

31a. For whom did you work? (Name of company, business, organization or other employer)

b. In what city and State is . . . located?

City _____

State _____

c. What kind of business or industry is this? (For example, TV and radio manufacturer, retail shoe store, State Labor Department, farm.)

d. Were you -

1 ☐ P - An employee of PRIVATE company, business, or individual for wages, salary, or commissions?

2 ☐ G - A GOVERNMENT employee (Federal, State, county, or local)?

3 ☐ O - Self-employed in OWN business, professional practice, or farm? (If not a farm)

Is this business incorporated?

1 ☐ Yes

2 ☐ No

4 ☐ WP - Working WITHOUT PAY in family business or farm?

e. What kind of work were you doing? (For example, electrical engineer, stock clerk, typist, farmer.)

II. CURRENT LABOR FORCE STATUS - Continued

32a. How did you find out about this job?

- 32a.
- 1 ☐ School employment service
 - 2 ☐ State employment agency
 - 3 ☐ Private employment agency
 - 4 ☐ Checked directly with employer
 - 5 ☐ Newspaper ads
 - 6 ☐ Friends or relatives
 - 7 ☐ Other - Specify _____

b. When did you start working at this job or business?

b. _____
 Month _____ Year _____

c. (If not enrolled in school)

Is this the first job at which you worked at least one month since you stopped going to school full time?

- c.
- 1 ☐ Yes - SKIP to Check Item I
 - 2 ☐ No - ASK d

d. When did you take your first job at which you worked at least a month after you stopped going to school full time?

d. _____
 Month _____ Year _____

**CHECK
ITEM I**

- 1 ☐ "P" or "G" in 31e - ASK 33a
- 2 ☐ "O" or "WP" in 31e - SKIP to Check Item I

33a. Altogether, how much do (did) you usually earn at your present (last) job before deductions?

(If amount given per hour, record dollars and cents, otherwise, round to nearest dollar.)

33a.

| | | | |
|---|--|----------|----|
| 1 | | Hour | \$ |
| 2 | | Day | \$ |
| 3 | | Week | \$ |
| 4 | | Biweekly | \$ |

\$ _____ per _____

b. How many hours per week do (did) you usually work on this job?

b. _____
 Hours _____

c. Do (did) you receive extra pay when you work(ed) over a certain number of hours?

- c.
- 1 ☐ Yes - ASK d
 - 2 ☐ No
 - 3 ☐ No but receive compensating time off
 - 4 ☐ Never work overtime

d. After how many hours do (did) you receive extra pay?

- d.
- 1 ☐ Hours _____ per day
 - 2 ☐ Hours _____ per week

e. For all hours worked over (entry in d) are (were) you paid straight time, time and one-half, double time or what?

(Mark as many as apply)

- e.
- 1 ☐ Straight time
 - 2 ☐ Time and one-half
 - 3 ☐ Double time
 - 4 ☐ Compensating time off
 - 5 ☐ Other - Specify _____

Respondent currently is in:

- 1 ☐ Labor Force Group A ("WK" or "J" in 26 or "Yes" in 27 or 28) - GO to Check Item L
- 2 ☐ All others - SKIP to Check Item L

III. WORK EXPERIENCE AND ATTITUDES

Current employer same as last year (*Entries in 31a and Item 78R of the Information Sheet are the same*) AND

HECK
EM K

- 1 ☐ a. Current kind of work SAME as last year (*Entries in 31a and Item 78R of the Information Sheet are the same*)
- 2 ☐ b. Current kind of work DIFFERENT from last year (*Entries in 31a and Item 78R of the Information Sheet are different*)
- 3 ☐ All others - SKIP to 36a

SKIP to 36a

ASK 36

see that you are not doing the same kind of work you were doing when we talked to you last year.

Why would you say you are no longer doing this kind of work?

34.

- 1 ☐ Promotion
- 2 ☐ Job was eliminated
- 3 ☐ "Bumped" from job
- 4 ☐ Other - Specify _____

During the past 12 months, have you worked any place other than (*entry in 31a*)?

35a.

- 1 ☐ Yes - How many other places? _____
- 2 ☐ No - SKIP to 40a

b.

c.

- 1 ☐ Yes - ASK 40a
- 2 ☐ No - SKIP to 39b

(If more than one, ask about longest)
For whom did you work?

Were you working for (*entry in 31a*) and (*entry in 35b*) at the same time?

HECK
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- 1 ☐ Respondent was in Labor Force Group B or C last year (*Item 77R on Information Sheet*)

SKIP to 36b

- 2 ☐ All others - SKIP to 37a

Have you held any jobs other than (*entry in 31a*) in the past 12 months?

36a.

- 1 ☐ Yes - How many other jobs? _____
- 2 ☐ No - SKIP to 40

b.

- 1 ☐ Yes - How many jobs? _____
- 2 ☐ No - SKIP to 42a

c.

- 1 ☐ _____
- 2 ☐ Same as current (last) job in 31a

Last year when we talked to you, you weren't working. Have you worked at all since then?

Now, I'd like to know about the longest job you held. For whom did you work?

Last year when we talked to you, you were working at (*name of company in item 78R on Information Sheet*). When did you stop working there?

37a.

Month _____

b.

c.

- 1 ☐ Yes - How many other kinds? _____
- 2 ☐ No - SKIP to 38b

Why did you happen to leave that job?

Last year, you were working as (*kind of work in item 78R on Information Sheet*). Did you do any other kind of work at that job before you left it?

(If more than one, ask about longest)
What kind of work did you do?

38a.

b.

Number _____

- 0 ☐ None - SKIP to 40

How many jobs have you held since you stopped working at (*name of company in item 78R on Information Sheet*) and started your present (last) job?

III. WORK EXPERIENCE AND ATTITUDES - Continued

39a. (If more than one, ask about longest)

Now I'd like to know about the job you had since you stopped working at (entry in 31a).

For whom did you work?

b. What kind of business or industry was that?

c. Were you -

(1) an employee of PRIVATE company, business, or individual for wages, salary, or commission? . . .

(2) a GOVERNMENT employee (Federal, State, county, or local)? . . .

(3) self-employed in OWN business, professional practice, or farm? . . .

(4) working WITHOUT PAY in family business or farm? . . .

d. How many hours per week did you usually work?

e. When did you START working at that job?

f. When did you STOP working at that job?

g. How did you happen to leave that job?

h. What kind of work were you doing when you left that job?

i. Did you ever do any other kind of work at that job?

j. What kind of work?
(If more than one, ask about longest)

39a.

1 ☐ _____

o ☐ Same employer as 31a - SKIP to 40

b. _____

c. _____

1 ☐ P - Private

2 ☐ G - Government

3 ☐ O - Self-employed

4 ☐ WP - Without pay

d. Number of hours _____

e. Month _____ Year _____

f. Month _____ Year _____

g. _____

h. _____

i. 1 ☐ Yes - How many other kinds? _____ ASK j
2 ☐ No - SKIP to 40

j. _____

40a. During the past 12 months, in how many different weeks did you work altogether? Count any week in which you did any work at all.

b. (Ask only if in school)

Were these during summer vacation from school, or during the school year?

e weeks that you worked in the last
1, how many hours per week did you
work?

(hours and check box.)

40a.

oo ☐ None - SKIP to 42a

☐ Number of weeks _____

b. 1 ☐ Summer vacation only

2 ☐ School year only

3 ☐ Both

c. Number of hours _____

1 ☐ 1-4

5 ☐ 35-40

2 ☐ 5-14

6 ☐ 41-48

3 ☐ 15-24

7 ☐ 49 or more

4 ☐ 25-34

III. WORK EXPERIENCE AND ATTITUDES - Continued

CHECK ITEM M

- 1 ☐ 52 weeks in 40a - ASK 41a
2 ☐ 1-51 weeks in 40a - SKIP to 41b

40a. Did you lose any full weeks of work during the past 12 months because you were on layoff from a job or lost a job?

b. You say you worked (entry in 40a) weeks during the past 12 months. In any of the remaining (52 minus entry in 40a) weeks were you looking for work or on layoff from a job?

c. Were all of these weeks in one stretch?

d. (Ask only if in school)
Were these during summer vacation from school, or during the school year?

41a.

1 ☐ Yes - How many weeks? _____
(Adjust item 40a and skip to 41c)

2 ☐ No - SKIP to Check Item N

b.

1 ☐ Yes - How many weeks? _____

2 ☐ No - SKIP to Check Item N

c.

1 ☐ Yes, 1

2 ☐ No, 2

3 ☐ No, 3 or more

d.

1 ☐ Summer vacation only

2 ☐ School year only

3 ☐ Both

} SKIP to Check Item N

42a. (For those who did not work during the past 12 months)
Even though you did not work during the past 12 months, did you spend any time trying to find work or on layoff from a job?

b. How many different weeks during the last 12 months were you looking for work or on layoff from a job?

c. (Ask only if in school)
Were these during summer vacation from school, or during the school year?

42a.

1 ☐ Yes - ASK b

2 ☐ No - SKIP to 43

b.

Number of weeks _____

c.

1 ☐ Summer vacation only

2 ☐ School year only

3 ☐ Both

CHECK ITEM N

(Refer to Items 40a, 41a, 41b, 42b)

- 1 ☐ All weeks accounted for - SKIP to Check Item O
2 ☐ Some weeks not accounted for - ASK 43

43. Now let me see. During the past 12 months, there were about (52 minus entries in items 40a, 41a, 41b, 42b) _____ weeks that you were not working or looking for work. What would you say was the main reason that you were not looking for work?

(Specify below, then mark one box.)

43.

1 ☐ Ill or disabled and unable to work

2 ☐ In school

3 ☐ Couldn't find work

4 ☐ Vacation

5 ☐ In Armed Forces

6 ☐ Other

NOTES

III. WORK EXPERIENCE AND ATTITUDES - Continued

**CHECK
ITEM 0**

Respondent is in -

- 1 ☐ Labor Force Group A ("WK" or "J" in 26 or "Yes" in 27 or 28) - *SKIP to Check Item P, Page 13*
 2 ☐ Labor Force Group B ("LK" in 26 or "Yes" in 29) - *SKIP to 46a*
 3 ☐ Labor Force Group C (All others) - *ASK 44a*

44a. Do you intend to look for work of any kind in the next 12 months?

Respondent's comments: _____

b. When do you intend to start looking for work?

c. What kind of work do you think you will look for?

d. What will you do to find work?

44a. 1 ☐ Yes - definitely } *ASK 6*

2 ☐ Yes - probably }

3 ☐ Maybe, it depends on - What? _____ } *SKIP to 45a*

4 ☐ No }

5 ☐ Don't know } *SKIP to 45a*

b.

Month _____

c.

d.

1 ☐ Check with school employment service (or counselor)

2 ☐ Check with state employment agency

3 ☐ Check with private employment agency

4 ☐ Check directly with employer

5 ☐ Place or answer newspaper ads

6 ☐ Check with friends or relatives

7 ☐ Other - *Specify* _____

45a. Why would you say that you are not looking for work at this time?

b. If you were offered a job by some employer in THIS AREA, do you think you would take it?

Respondent's comments: _____

c. How many hours per week would you be willing to work?

d. What kind of work would it have to be?

would the wage or salary have to be?

45a. 1 ☐ School

2 ☐ Personal, family

3 ☐ Health reasons

4 ☐ Waiting to be called into military service

5 ☐ Believes no work available

6 ☐ Does not want to work at this time of year

7 ☐ Other or no reason

b. 1 ☐ Yes

2 ☐ It depends - On what? _____ } *ASK c - e*

3 ☐ No - Why not? _____

SKIP to Section IV, Page 15

c. 1 ☐ 1 - 4

2 ☐ 5 - 14

3 ☐ 15 - 24

4 ☐ 25 - 34

5 ☐ 35 - 40

6 ☐ 41 - 48

7 ☐ 49 or more

d.

e.

1 ☐ Hour

5 ☐ Month

2 ☐ Day

6 ☐ Year

3 ☐ Week

7 ☐ Other - *Specify* _____

4 ☐ Biweekly

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\$_____ per:

III. WORK EXPERIENCE AND ATTITUDES - Continued

| | |
|--|---|
| <p>46a. What type of work are you looking for?</p> <p>b. What would the wage or salary have to be for you to be willing to take it?</p> <p>c. As far as you are concerned, are there any restrictions on where the job should be located?</p> <p>Respondent's comments: _____</p> | <p>46a. _____</p> <hr/> <p>b. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Hour 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Month 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Day 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Year \$ _____ per 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Week 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - <i>Specify</i> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Biweekly _____</p> <hr/> <p>c.</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - What? _____</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - <i>SKIP to Section IV, Page 15</i></p> |
|--|---|

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| CHECK ITEM P | <p>Respondent currently is in Labor Force Group A x <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Was in Labor Force Group B last year (<i>Item 77R on Information Sheet</i>) - <i>SKIP to Check Item Q</i></p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Was in Labor Force Group C last year (<i>Item 77R on Information Sheet</i>) - <i>ASK 17</i></p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> All others - <i>SKIP to Check Item R</i></p> |
|-------------------------|--|

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>47. When we interviewed you last year, you were not looking for work. What made you decide to take a job?</p> | <p>47. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered from illness 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Bored 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Completed education 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Needed money <input type="checkbox"/> Other - <i>Specify</i> _____</p> |
|---|---|

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| CHECK ITEM Q | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent is enrolled in school this year } <i>SKIP to Section IV, Page 15</i></p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> All others - <i>ASK 48</i></p> |
|-------------------------|--|

| | |
|--|---|
| <p>48. How do you feel about the job you have now. Do you -</p> <p>Respondent's comments: _____</p> | <p>48. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> like it very much? 2 <input type="checkbox"/> like it fairly well? 3 <input type="checkbox"/> dislike it somewhat? 4 <input type="checkbox"/> dislike it very much?</p> <hr/> <p>49. 1 _____ x <input type="checkbox"/> 2 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 3 _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>49. What are the things you like best about your job?</p> | <p>1 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 2 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 3 _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>50. What are the things about your job that you don't like so well?</p> | <p>1 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 2 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 3 _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> |

III. WORK EXPERIENCE AND ATTITUDES - Continued

51. Suppose someone IN THIS AREA offered you a job in the same line of work you're in now. How much would the new job have to pay for you to be willing to take it?
(If amount given per hour, record dollars and cents. Otherwise, round to the nearest dollar.)

Respondent's comments: _____

51.

1 ☐ Hour 5 ☐ Month
2 ☐ Day 6 ☐ Year
3 ☐ Week 7 ☐ Other—Specify _____
4 ☐ Biweekly _____

☐ I wouldn't take it at any conceivable pay
☐ I would take a steady job at same or less pay
☐ Would accept job; don't know specific amount

52. What if this job were IN SOME OTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY — how much would it have to pay in order for you to be willing to take it?
(If amount given per hour, record dollars and cents. Otherwise, round to the nearest dollar.)

Respondent's comments: _____

52.

1 ☐ Hour 5 ☐ Month
2 ☐ Day 6 ☐ Year
3 ☐ Week 7 ☐ Other—Specify _____
4 ☐ Biweekly _____

☐ I wouldn't take it at any conceivable pay
☐ I would take a steady job at same or less pay
☐ Would accept job; don't know specific amount
☐ Depends on location, cost of living
SKIP to Section IV, Page 15

CHECK
ITEM R

- 1 ☐ Respondent is enrolled in school this year — SKIP to Section IV, Page 15
2 ☐ Respondent is not in school and:
3 ☐ Works for a different employer from 1966 (Items 78R on } ASK 53a
Information Sheet and 31a of this questionnaire differ)
4 ☐ Works for the same employer as in 1966 — SKIP to 53b

53a. How do you feel about the job you have now. Do you —

Respondent's comments: _____

b. Would you say you like your present job more, less, or about the same as (the job you held) last year?

c. What would you say is the main reason that you like your present job (more, less)?

53a.

- 1 ☐ like it very much?
2 ☐ like it fairly well?
3 ☐ dislike it somewhat?
4 ☐ dislike it very much?

- b. 1 ☐ More } ASK c
2 ☐ Less }
3 ☐ Same — SKIP to Section IV, Page 15

c.

IV. FUTURE JOB PLANS

54. Now I would like to talk to you about your future job plans. What kind of work would you like to be doing when you are 30 years old?

54.

- ☐ Same as present job
☐ Don't know

CHECK ITEMS

- 1 ☐ Respondent's future job plans are the same as 1966 (*Entries in 54 and Item 79R on the Information Sheet are the same*) } SKIP to Section V, Page 16
- 2 ☐ Respondent's future job plans differ from 1966 (*Entries in 54 and Item 79R of Information Sheet differ*) } ASK 55

55. Last year when we talked to you, you said you thought that you'd like to be (*entry in Item 79R of Information Sheet*). Why would you say you have changed your plans?

55.

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V. ASSETS AND INCOME

56a. So far as your overall financial position is concerned, would you say you are better off, about the same, or worse off now than you were when we interviewed you last year?

b. In what ways are you (better, worse) off?

56a. 1 ☐ Same - SKIP to Check Item T

2 ☐ Better off } ASK b
3 ☐ Worse off }

b. _____

CHECK
ITEM T

x ☐ Respondent is NOT head of household - SKIP to 58a

1 ☐ Respondent is head of household - ASK 57a

57a. In the last 12 months, did you (or your wife) receive financial assistance from any of your relatives?

b. From whom?

c. How much did you receive?

57a.

1 ☐ Yes - ASK b-c

2 ☐ No - SKIP to 58a

b. _____

c. _____

1 \$ _____

Now I would like to ask a few questions about your income in the last 12 months.

58a. How much did you (and your wife) receive from wages, salary, commissions, or tips from all jobs, before deductions for taxes or anything else?

b. Did you (and your wife) receive any income from working on your own or in your own business or farm?

\$ _____ less \$ _____ = _____
(Gross Income) (Expenses) (Net Income)

c. Did you (or your wife) receive any unemployment compensation?

d. Did you (or your wife) receive any other income, such as rental income, interest or dividends, income as a result of disability or illness, etc.?

Respondent:

58a.

2 \$ _____

0 ☐ None

b. 1 ☐ Yes - How much?

4 \$ _____

2 ☐ No

c. 1 ☐ Yes

(1) How many weeks?

(2) How much?

6 \$ _____

2 ☐ No

d. 1 ☐ Yes - How much?

8 \$ _____

2 ☐ No

Wife:

x ☐ Not married

3 \$ _____

0 ☐ None

1 ☐ Yes - How much?

5 \$ _____

2 ☐ No

1 ☐ Yes

(1) How many weeks?

(2) How much?

7 \$ _____

2 ☐ No

1 ☐ Yes - How much?

9 \$ _____

2 ☐ No

CHECK
ITEM T

1 ☐ Respondent (and wife) lives alone - SKIP to 59b

2 ☐ All others - ASK 59a (If two or more RELATED respondents in household, ask 59a - b only once, and transcribe answers from the first to the other questionnaires.)

12 months, what was the total income of all members living here? (Show flashcard)

59a.

01 ☐ Under \$1,000

02 ☐ \$1,000 - \$1,999

03 ☐ 2,000 - 2,999

04 ☐ 3,000 - 3,999

05 ☐ 4,000 - 4,999

06 ☐ 5,000 - 5,999

07 ☐ \$6,000 - \$7,499

08 ☐ 7,500 - 9,999

09 ☐ 10,000 - 14,999

10 ☐ 15,000 - 24,999

11 ☐ 25,000 and over

b. 1 ☐ Yes

2 ☐ No

Do any members of this family receive any welfare or public assistance in the last 12 months?

VI. FAMILY BACKGROUND

1 ☐ Respondent lives with parents - *SKIP to Check Item V*

60a. How many persons, not counting yourself (or your wife), are dependent upon you for at least one-half of their support?

b. Do any of these dependents live somewhere else other than here at home with you?

c. What is their relationship to you?

60a. Number _____ - ASK b

0 ☐ None - *SKIP to Check Item V*

b. 1 ☐ Yes - How many? _____ - ASK c

2 ☐ No - *SKIP to Check Item V*

c. _____

CHECK ITEM V

(Refer to name and address label on cover page)

1 ☐ Respondent lives in same area (SMSA or county) as in 1966 - *SKIP to 63a*

2 ☐ Respondent lives in different area (SMSA or county) than in 1966 - ASK 61a

61a. When we interviewed you last year you were living in (City in address on cover page) How many miles from here was that?

b. How did you happen to move here?

61a.

Miles _____

b. _____

1 ☐ Respondent currently in school - *SKIP to 63a*

62a. Did you have a job lined up here at the time you moved?

b. How many weeks did you look before you found work?

62a.

1 ☐ Yes, different job
2 ☐ Yes, same job
3 ☐ Yes, transfer
4 ☐ No - ASK b

} *SKIP to 63a*

b.

Number _____

0 ☐ Still haven't found work

63a. What is your present draft classification?

b. (If 1-Y or 4-F) Why were you rejected?

63a.

b. 1 ☐ Failed both physical and written test
2 ☐ Failed physical test
3 ☐ Failed written test
4 ☐ Not accepted for other reasons
5 ☐ Don't know reason

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VI. FAMILY BACKGROUND - Continued

**CHECK
ITEM W**

- 1 ☐ Father lives in household } *SKIP to Check Item X*
 2 ☐ Father deceased
 3 ☐ Other - ASK 64a

64a. During the past 12 months, in about how many weeks did your father work either full time or part time (not counting work around the house)?

64a.

Weeks _____

- o ☐ Did not work } *SKIP to Check Item X*
 v ☐ Don't know

b. Did your father usually work full time or part time?

- b. 1 ☐ Full time
 2 ☐ Part time

c. What kind of work was he doing?
(If more than one, record the one worked at longest.)

c. _____ ☐ ☐ ☐

**CHECK
ITEM X**

- 1 ☐ Mother lives in household } *SKIP to 66*
 2 ☐ Mother deceased
 3 ☐ Other - ASK 65a

65a. Did your mother work at all during the past 12 months?

65a.

- 1 ☐ Yes - ASK b
 2 ☐ No - *SKIP to 66*
 3 ☐ Don't know - *SKIP to 66*

b. How many weeks did she work?

b. _____
 Weeks _____

c. Did your mother usually work full time or part time?

- c. 1 ☐ Full time
 2 ☐ Part time

d. What kind of work was she doing?
(If more than one, record the one worked at longest.)

d. _____ ☐ ☐ ☐

Notes

INFORMATION SHEET - DATA FROM INITIAL INTERVIEW WITH MALES 14 - 24

| 1967 Questionnaire Item Number | Entry on 1966 Questionnaire |
|--|--|
| 75R. Check Item A Check Item B Check Item C Check Item D Check Item E 17a | 75R. Whether Respondent was attending or enrolled in school: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Grade Respondent was attending OR Highest year of regular school completed <input type="checkbox"/> None 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Elem 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 <input type="checkbox"/> High 1 2 3 4 <input type="checkbox"/> College 1 2 3 4 5 6 7+ |
| 76R. Check Items F, G Item 24 | 76R. Respondent's educational goal <input type="checkbox"/> Not asked educational goal <input type="checkbox"/> Less than high school <input type="checkbox"/> High 1 2 3 4 <input type="checkbox"/> College 2 4 6 7+ College respondent wanted to attend _____ |
| 77R. 30 (second box) Check Item L Check Item P | 77R. Respondent's labor force status: <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to work <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Force Group A <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Force Group B <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Force Group C |
| 78R. Check Item K 37a, 37c, 38b, Check Item R | 78R. Name of employer _____ Kind of work _____ |
| 79R. Check Item S 55 | 79R. Kind of work desired at age 30. (If said same as present job, specify occupation.) _____ _____ |
| 80R. 74 | 80R. Names and addresses of persons who will always know where Respondent can be reached; 1. _____ _____ _____ 2. _____ _____ _____ |
| | 81R. Month of interview last year _____ |

oy 1 have a few questions about the education and work experience of the other family members living here.

| Line number | NAME List below all persons living here who are related to respondent. Enter the line number from the Household Record Card in column 66. | RELATIONSHIP TO RESPONDENT (Example; wife, son, father, brother, etc.) | AGE As of October 1, 1967 | Persons 6-24 years old | | | Persons 14 years old and over | | |
|-------------|---|---|------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| | | | | Is . . . attending or enrolled in school? Circle Y - Yes N - No | If "Yes" - What grade (year)? If "No" - What is the highest grade (year) . . . ever attended? | Did . . . finish this grade (year)? | In the past 12 months, how many weeks did . . . work either full-or part-time (not counting work around the house)? | In the weeks that . . . worked, how many hours did . . . usually work per week? | If person worked at all in last 12 months What kind of work was . . . doing in the past 12 months? (If more than one, record the longest) |
| 66 | 67a | 67b | 67c | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 |
| | | Respondent | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | | |
| | | | | Y N | | Y N | | | |

74. Last year you mentioned (read names from item 80R on Information Sheet) as persons who will always know where you can be reached even if you move away. Is this still true? (If so, verify the addresses and telephone numbers and enter below. If not, enter information about other persons who will know the respondent's whereabouts.)

| Name | Relationship to respondent | Address (Number, street, city, State, ZIP code) | Telephone number |
|------|----------------------------|--|------------------|
| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |

